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Dutch

SKIPPER OF THE OF THE BLACK LAGOON AND LEADER OF THE CREW. DUTCH STAYS COOL, NO MATTER HOW BAD THINGS GET. HIS BACKGROUND INCLUDES MILITARY SERVICE, INCLUDING A TOUR IN VIETNAM.

Benny

THE MAN IN CHARGE OF THE HIGH-TECH ELECTRONICS ONBOARD THE BLACK LAGOON. BENNY ESCAPED FROM THE U.S. AND IS ON THE RUN FROM BOTH THE FBI AND THE MAFIA.

Crew of the Black Lagoon

Rock

A FORMER JAPANESE SALARYMAN, WHOSE REAL NAME IS ROKURO OKAJIMA, ABANDONED BY HIS COMPANY AFTER THE CREW OF THE BLACK LAGOON ABDUCTED HIM, ROCK LATER JOINED HIS CAPTORS.

Revy

THE BLACK LAGOON'S TOP GUNSLINGER, NICKNAMED "TWO HAND." HER FOUL MOUTH AND EXTREMELY SHORT FUSE USUALLY GET HER IN LOTS OF TROUBLE.

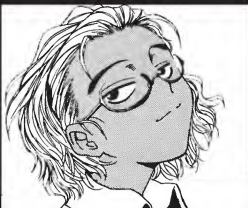
STORY

ROCK, AKA ROKURŌ OKAJIMA, A JAPANESE SALARYMAN, IS ABDUCTED BY A BAND OF SMUGGLERS WHILE ON A BUSINESS TRIP IN SOUTHEAST ASIA. ABANDONED BY HIS COMPANY, HE TAKES ON THE NICKNAME 'ROCK' AND FINDS A NEW JOB IN THE SHADY SMUGGLING TRADE. HE BEGINS HIS NEW CRIMINAL LIFE IN VICE-FILLED ROANAPUR, THAILAND, THE LAGOON TRADERS' BASE OF OPERATIONS...

AFTER SURVIVING COUNTLESS TERRIBLE SITUATIONS, ROCK BECOMES MORE HARDENED. HOWEVER, THE DEADLY SOUTH AMERICAN MAID ROBERTA'S SECOND VISIT TO ROANAPUR ENDED BITTERLY FOR ROCK...



CHARACTER



Jane

LEADER OF AN INTERNATIONAL COUNTERFEITING GROUP. AFTER VARIOUS INCIDENTS IN ROANAPUR, SHE IS NOW BENNY'S GIRLFRIEND.



Ronnie

A MEMBER OF THE SICILIAN MAFIA, NOW ATTEMPTING TO EXTEND THEIR INFLUENCE IN ROANAPUR.



Sawyer

UNDERGROUND CLEANER. HER WEAPON OF CHOICE IS A CHAINSAW. FRIENDS WITH SHENHUA AND LOTTON.



Bao

OWNER OF THE 'YELLOW FLAG' BAR. A FORMER SOUTH VIETNAMESE ARMY DESERTER.

BLACK LAGOON

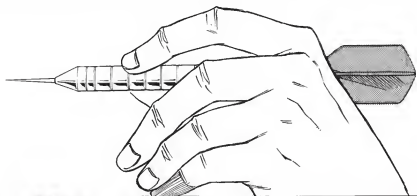


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Chapter 77: The Wired Red Wild Card 007



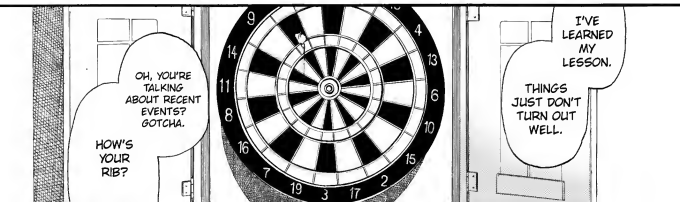
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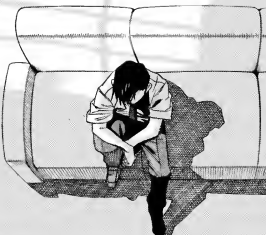
TRIPLE...

...FIFTEEN.

NICE
SCORE.





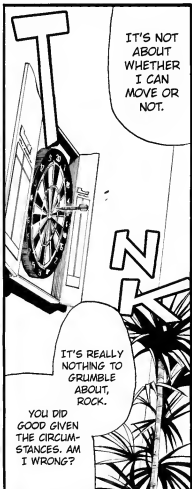


YOU GOT
EVERYONE
OUT
SUCCESS-
FULLY.

YOU
PROTECTED
MR. CHAN'S
INTERESTS.



TO BE
HONEST, EVEN
I DIDN'T THINK
YOU COULD
DO IT.



IT'S NOT
ABOUT
WHETHER
I CAN
MOVE OR
NOT.

IT'S REALLY
NOTHING TO
GRUMBLE
ABOUT,
ROCK.

YOU DID
GOOD GIVEN
THE CIRCUM-
STANCES. AM
I WRONG?



I THOUGHT
IT'D BE ONE
OR THE
OTHER.

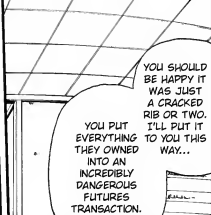
EITHER
YOU WERE
GONNA
LEAVE
THIS PLACE
OR...

...END UP
IN A DITCH
SOME-
WHERE.



I THOUGHT
I DID WELL
TOO...

BUT ALL THE
THANKS I
GOT WAS
A CRACKED
RIB.



YOU SHOULD BE HAPPY IT WAS JUST A CRACKED RIB OR TWO. I'LL PUT IT TO YOU THIS WAY...

YOU PUT EVERYTHING THEY OWNED INTO AN INCREDIBLY DANGEROUS FUTURES TRANSACTION.

C'MON, DON'T GIMME THAT LOOK.

I'M NOT JUDGING YOU.

IT JUST MEANS SOLIDARITY MATTERS MORE TO SOME PEOPLE...

...THAN RESULTS. A CONFIRMATION OF WILL OVER OUTCOMES.



"HEADS I WIN, TAILS YOU LOSE."

AND NOT KNOWING THE PERSONAL RISKS YOU TOOK, THAT'S HOW IT LOOKED TO THEM.



BUT UNFORTUNATELY THAT'S NOT HOW THE WORLD WORKS.

SO YOU'LL BE BREAKING SOME MORE RIBS. IT'S AS SIMPLE AS THAT.



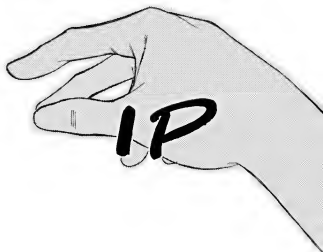
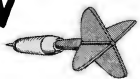
IF THERE WERE ONLY ONE SET OF VALUES IN THE WORLD...

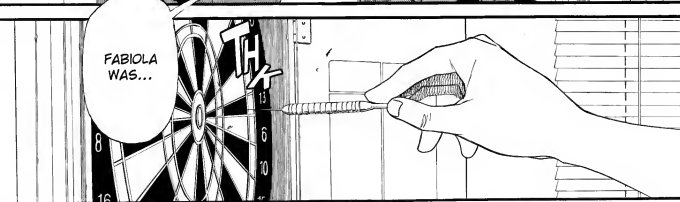
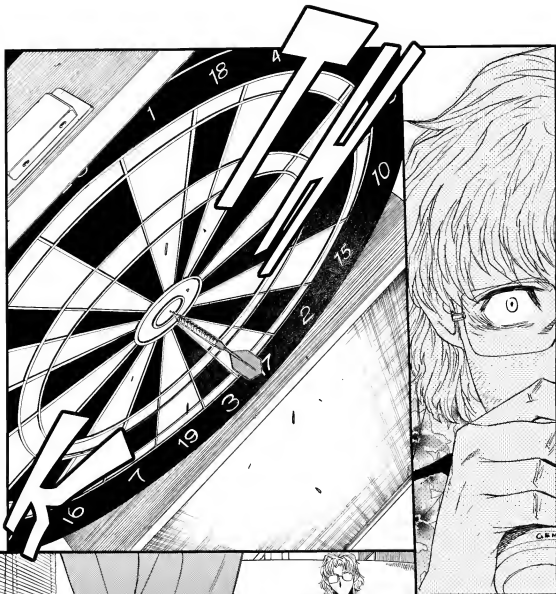
...NOBODY WOULD COMPLAIN IF CAMPBELL'S CHICKEN NOODLE SOUP WAS THE ONLY THING WE HAD TO EAT.

AND REGARDLESS OF WHETHER THAT'S GOOD OR BAD, THE WORLD WOULD BE AT PEACE.



FW









SHE MAY
NOT LOOK
IT...



...BUT
SHE'S
PUNCTUAL.



YAH!



I THOUGHT ABOUT DROPPING EVERYTHING TO GO FLYING INTO YOUR ARMS SO MANY TIMES!

I MISSED YOU SO MUCH! EMAILS WERE ALL WE HAD FOR SIX MONTHS! YOU REALIZE HOW WORN OUT I AM?!

OH, SWEETIE PIE!

OF COURSE.

YOU REALLY THINK SO...?

OH...

WOW.

I WAS SO HAPPY WHEN THIS OPPORTUNITY CAME UP! SEE, LOOK! LOOK!

I BOUGHT A TON OF LINGERIE AT 'SHAME'!

WELL YOU DON'T LOOK SO HAPPY.

YOU WEREN'T FOOLING AROUND WITH OTHER GIRLS WHILE I WAS AWAY, WERE YOU?

THAT'S REALLY SEXY.

IT ACCENTUATES MY BOOBS. IT OPENS UP RIGHT HERE!

YOU GUYS GONNA SCREW EACH OTHER RIGHT HERE?!

WHOA, WHOA, WHOA.

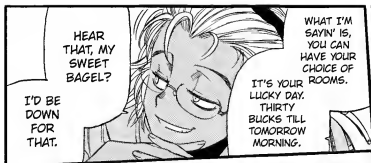
CAN'T YOU TAKE A HINT?!

OH, C'MON. I WOULD NEVER...

HERE, SUFFOCATE ON THESE!

MOON!

UMP





DO YOU KNOW
HOW MANY
LOSERS AND
UNAFFILIATED
IDIOTS THERE
ARE IN THIS
TOWN?

IF YOU THINK
THEY ALL
EARN A LIVING
DELIVERING
PIZZAS YOU'RE
DEAD WRONG.

LET ME
GIVE
YOU A
WORD OF
ADVICE.

YOU'RE
NAIVE.

PLEASE.

SHE'LL
BE FINE.

UNLESS
THERE'S A
CIVIL WAR
GOING ON
HERE.



HONEY,
WE HAVE
TO FIND
HER.

YOU GOT A
PHOTO OR
ANYTHING?

YOU HAVEN'T
FORGOTTEN
WHAT HAPPENED
TO YOU THE
LAST TIME YOU
WERE HERE,
HAVE YOU?

IF
SHE'S NOT
THE TYPE TO
BE LATE, IT'S
NOT A GOOD
SIGN THAT
SHE'S NOT
HERE.



WHAT?

WHAT'S
THE CREEPY
LAUGH
FOR?

THAT'S
RIGHT, A
PHOTO!

HEHE...
YOU WANNA
SEE?



OKAY?

ONE
THING
BEFORE
I SHOW
YOU.

DON'T SAY
A WORD
TO ANYONE
ABOUT THIS
PICTURE.



OH!

PHOTO!



THE
CIRCUS
MONKEY
I SAW
AS A KID
LOOKED
LIKE THAT.

IT'S LIKE THE
SHICHIGOSAN
FESTIVAL.

THAT'S
BAD...

WHOEVER
TOOK THAT
HAD BAD
INTENTIONS.

THE
CLOTHES
ARE
WEARING
HER
INSTEAD.

IT HAS TO BE
A HALLOWEEN
COSTUME. THIS
PICTURE IS A
GUARANTEED
LAUGH.



I'LL GO
WITH YOU.
WE CAN'T
HAVE HER
GOING
INTO THE
SLUMS.

SHE
COULD BE
NEAR THE
MARKET IN
RAM SAP.

JUST
BARELY.



WELL
...

AT LEAST I
KNOW WHAT
SHE LOOKS
LIKE NOW.

WHAT?
WAIT, HOLD
ON!

TAKE ME
AROUND
THE FOOD
STALLS
IF WE'RE
GOING OUT!

KL
CHAK

ANYWAY...

WE BETTER
FIND HER
BEFORE IT
GETS DARK.



SHE
CAN'T BE
DRESSED
LIKE THAT
ANYMORE.



รับ!!

THEY...

...TOOK
EVERYTHING.





WHOA...

ONE
THING
AFTER
ANOTHER.

SO I WALKED
THE REST
OF THE WAY,
THEN RAN INTO
THOSE TWO.

...AS SOON
AS I GOT OFF
THE TUK-TUK,
MY BIGGEST
SUITCASE
WAS STOLEN.

THEN WHILE I
WAS WAITING
AT THE POLICE
STATION, MY
WALLET WAS
PICKPOCKETED
FROM MY JACKET.



TELL
ME YOUR
ACTUAL
BACK-
GROUND.

BUT ALL I KNOW
ABOUT YOU IS
YOUR PERSONAL
PROFILE AND
HANDLE ON THE
"ELECTRO
BANDITS
FORUM."

ANYWAY,
I'M SURE
YOU KNOW
WHO I AM...

I'LL COVER
YOUR EXPENSES
AND REPLACE
THE EQUIPMENT,
SO DON'T
WORRY.



YES,
BOSS.

I'M FROM
HONG KONG.
I STUDIED
ENGINEERING
AT SOUTH
HAMPTON. I
SPECIALIZE IN
FORTRAN.

I WENT BY
"VIOLET SPEAR"
ON THE
FORUM, BUT
MY REAL NAME
IS FENG YIFEI.

IT WOULD BE AN
HONOR TO JOIN
YOUR GROUP!



VMM...

ready<<<<?

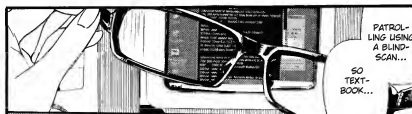
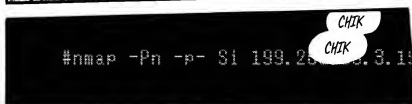


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110/tcp open
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TAK









GULP

HA



BENNY!
GRAB
THAT
CHAIR
FROM
HER!!

HONEY,
RELAX!
SHE'S JUST
HERE TO DO
HER JOB!

WHOA!
RELAX!



ENOUGH WITH THE LEAD IN!
WHAT DOES THAT HAVE TO DO WITH HER...?

AH...

I UNDERSTAND NOW.



THE MOTELS ARE PACKED WITH LONG-TERM VISITORS HERE FOR THE SEX TRADE THIS TIME OF YEAR...

BUT STAYING OUTSIDE THE CITY WOULD MAKE OUR COMING AND GOING A PAIN IN THE ASS.

THEN, LUCKILY, THIS ROOM OPENED UP.

THAT WAS JUST YESTERDAY.



LET ME EXPLAIN.

I WAS LOOKING FOR A ROOM FOR YOU, SWEETIE, BUT...

...I WAS HAVING A HARD TIME.



"YOU, WITH THE FORE-HEAD."

"BINGO."

JAB



IN OTHER WORDS, WHOEVER WAS STAYING HERE...

...GOT INTO A SITUATION SHE HAD TO HANDLE PERSONALLY. AM I UNDERSTANDING IT CORRECTLY?



BUCKETS?

"IT TOOK A LOT OF WORK TO CARRY THEM OUT."

"BODY BAGS WERE USELESS, SO WE HAD TO CARRY THEM OUT IN BUCKETS."



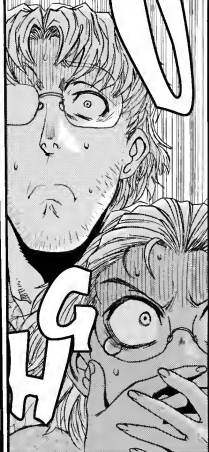
"FOUR HOODS WERE SHOT TO DEATH HERE. AND..."

FOREHEAD ...?!

"...THAT WAS TWO WEEKS AGO."

DON'T MAKE ME SAY IT...



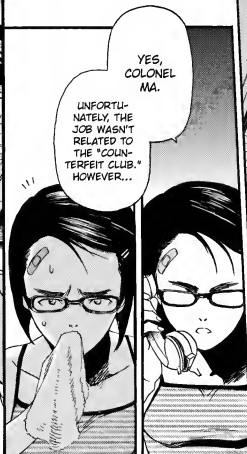




LIGH...

IT'S NOT
THAT COM-
PLICATED.

I JUST
NEED TO MAKE
SURE YOU HAVE
A BASIC UNDER-
STANDING OF
WHAT THE JOB
REQUIRES.



YES,
COLONEL
MA.

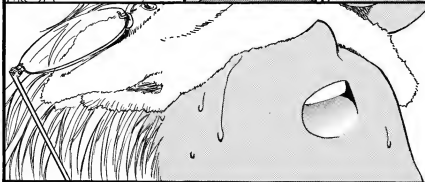
UNFORTU-
NATELY, THE
JOB WASN'T
RELATED TO
THE "COUN-
TERFEIT CLUB."
HOWEVER...



SO ASIDE
FROM YOUR
ACCOM-
MODATIONS,
YOU'RE
OFF ON THE
RIGHT
TRACK.

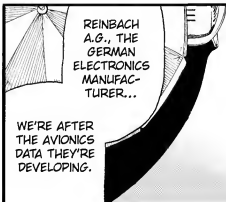
I'M SURE
YOU'VE
MADE YOUR
PERIODIC
REPORT TO
THE COMMU-
NICATIONS
OFFICER,
BUT...

...WHAT
WAS THE
SUBSTANCE
OF THE
JOB SHE
ASSIGNED
YOU?



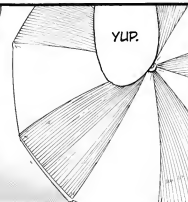
YOU KNOW
WHO THE
"HIGHWAY-
MEN" ARE,
DON'T
YOU?

THEY
ASKED ME
TO FIND
SOME HELP.



REINBACH
A.G., THE
GERMAN
ELECTRONICS
MANUFAC-
TURER...

WE'RE AFTER
THE AVIONICS
DATA THEY'RE
DEVELOPING.



YUIP.



THE
HIGHWAY-
MEN...

THEY'RE THAT
UNDERGROUND
FORCE
SPECIALIZING
IN CORPORATE
ESPIONAGE,
AREN'T THEY,
BOSS?



USE YOUR
HEAD WHERE
YOU HAVE TO,
DON'T SCREW
UP WHERE YOU
SHOULDN'T, AND
YOU'LL PASS
THE TEST.

BUT
DON'T
WORRY.

WE'RE HAPPY,
YOU'RE HAPPY,
AND THE CLUB
WILL WELCOME
YOU WITH OPEN
ARMS. IS THAT
TOO DIFFICULT TO
UNDERSTAND?

IF YOUR
CONFIDENCE
ISN'T MATCHED
BY YOUR
SKILLS...

...I WANT YOU
TO BE THE ONLY
PERSON THAT
GETS PUT ON THE
ICPO'S LIST, YOU
UNDERSTAND?

LISTEN.

WE DON'T
HAVE THE
TIME TO BE
MESSING
AROUND WITH
A NEWCOMER.

WELL,
GOOD.

THOUGHT YOU
WERE GONNA
BITE MY HEAD
OFF WITH THE
WAY YOU WERE
LOOKING AT ME.

NO...

NOT AT
ALL,
BOSS.

SHOW US
YOU'RE
NOT JUST
ANOTHER...

...SCRIPT
KIDDIE.

ALL
RIGHT.

MISS FU
MANCHU.

CLAP

IF THIS ISN'T
WHAT THEY
CALL THE
AUDACITY OF
THIEVES. HOW
INFURIATING.

...

I
UNDERSTAND
THE GENERAL
IDEA,
SERGEANT.

THE EXPERTISE
WE GAIN FROM
THE ONGOING
OPERATIONS
BY SECOND
DEPARTMENT
FIRST
BUREAU...

...WILL BE
COMPILED AS A
TECHNOLOGICAL
MANUAL THAT WILL
BECOME THE BASIS
OF WANG JUN.
AND...

...ALL OF YOU
WILL HAVE
THE HONOR
OF BEING THE
VERY FIRST
INSTRUCTORS.

...IS THE
START OF
WINNING
THE CYBER
WAR...

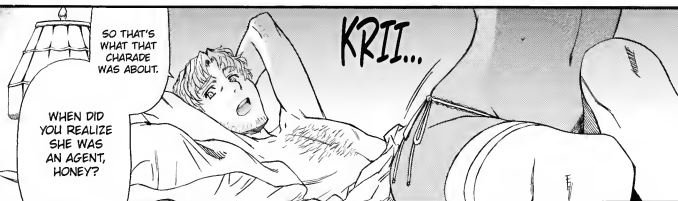
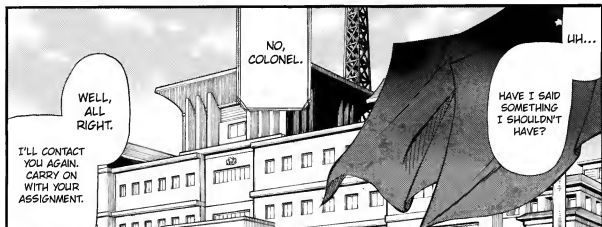
...THAT IS
TO COME IN
THE 21ST
CENTURY.

SERGEANT.

THE ARMY
IS MAKING
RAPID
PROGRESS
IN CREATING
OUR WANG
JUN, OUR
CYBER
ARMY.

I WANT
YOU TO
UNDERSTAND
THAT THE
OPERATION
YOU ARE
CURRENTLY
ENGAGED
IN...









THAT
MOTEL IN
CHARK-
WAN?!

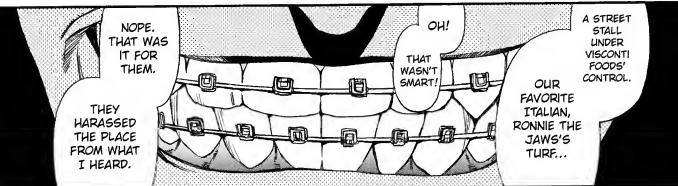
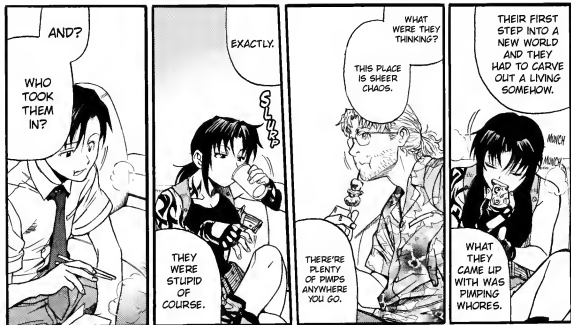
THAT
DUMP?!
REALLY?!

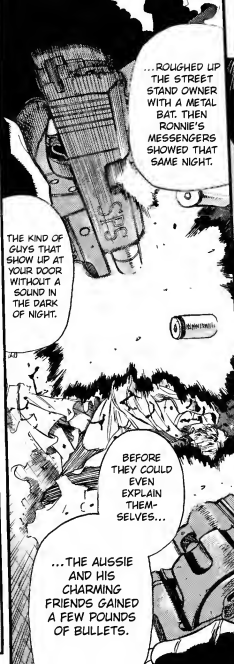
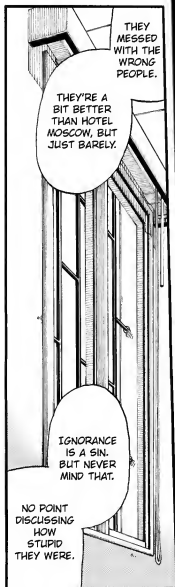


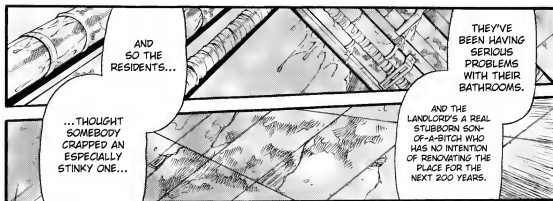
IT WAS SOME
AUSSIE AND
HIS LOVER
OUT IN THE
WESTERNERS'
DISTRICT IN
CAMBODIA OR
SOMETHING...

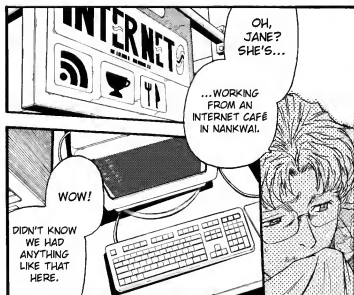
TRYING TO
MAKE A
NAME FOR
THEMSELVES
IN THIS TOWN
SEALED THEIR
FATE.

THE GUYS
THAT
WERE
RENTING
IT...
...WERE
NEWCOMERS
WHO ROLLED
IN HERE
RECENTLY AND
WEREN'T UNDER
ANYBODY'S
PROTECTION
AT THE TIME.











RT, my SE contact at Rheinbach is ready.Any acc by the Duck going beyond the decoy data directly gonna violate the deal.Make sure the countdown is working.All the data she accessed before she it out will be backed up in our regular server.



<BlackSpot> fucking funny guy

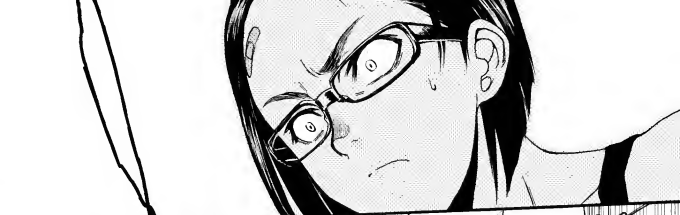
<Bloodrunne> Here we go.Get everyone ready.

ALL
RIGHT.

WOLFPACK
ON
STANDBY?



17:13.55 <flashbackGold44> fucking funny guy
17:14.11 <Bloodrunne> Here we go.Get everyone ready.
17:15.25 <LDrazoda>Maecia's started.Rheinbach's techs
just got busy.



THEY'RE
RETRIEVING
DATA
ALREADY...?!

WHY SO
SUDDENLY?!

bloodrunne> info job complete.
Flashback> Ladies and Gentlemen. The doors are open.
That's correct to JLA members displayed under
PDC front camera. He says you did the work
is not. You got three sec. First door. First
door.

14:09.05 <BlackSpot> lol
14:09.13 <Bloodrunne> lol

3 <bloodrunne> lol
5 <Flashbackoid44>

Flashback> Hold on. I'm doing the final
fight in Duna.

ator8897> Need clarificati

SHIT!

IT'S TOO
FAST, IT'S
TOO FAST,
IT'S TOO
FAST!

base> There's an email addressed to
their undercover ops at Rheinbar
Orders direct from the Chinese
Pentagon. The wire transfer recor
are solden. Whoever finds that hi
Jackpot.

Maybe it'd be better
to have our pay for
this posted in bytes

lol
lol
lol

gold44> Gotcha. Finders, keepers.

Get out of this, newbie. I'll spam post
your porno messages if you keep at this.

WELL FOLKS,
MAKE SURE
YOU LEAVE NO
FOOTPRINTS
BEHIND.

TAKE WHAT-
EVER YOU
WANT. DON'T
WORRY ABOUT
THE CONSE-
QUENCES.

MISS PEKING
DUCK WILL
DEAL WITH IT.

WAH

P



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[root@freeBSD13 ~]# service squid reload  
[root@freeBSD13 ~]#rm -rf /var/ BEEPool/squid/squid_ca  
[root@freeBSD13 ~]# service squid stop  
stopping squid .....OK
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WAIT
QUIETLY
TILL HE'S
DONE.

THE
BOSS IS
BUSY
RIGHT
NOW.



WE WON'T
BE HERE
LONG.
WE'LL BE
OUTTA
YOUR HAIR
SOON.



HEY.

WHAT
THE FUCK,
EMILIO?

WHADJA
LET THEM
IN FOR,
GODDAMMIT!



HEY,
EMILIO!

TOMAZZO'S
NOT
AROUND
TODAY?

SIGNORE
FALCONE ISN'T
A PART OF
OUR SICILIAN
ORGANIZATION.
HE'S A MEMBER
OF THE CAMORRA.

HE'S A
PERSONAL
FRIEND OF
OUR BOSS.

HOLD UP,
SIGNORE.
YOU THINK
WE CAME
HERE TO
PLAY GIN
RUNNY
WITH YOU?

WE'RE HERE
ABOUT THE
STUFF WE
TRANSPORTED
FOR THE TAMILS.
WE'D BE GLAD
TO SELL IT OFF
IF YOU DON'T
WANT IT.

HOLD UP,
SIGNORE.

HE'S
BURNING
HIS TINY
LITTLE
BRAIN TO
SOLVE
THEM.

IF YOU
STILL DON'T
GET IT, I'LL
MAKE SURE
YOU DO—WITH
A METAL BAT.

LUCIANO'S
IN THE BACK
WITH THE
GUESTS
DEALING
WITH SOME
PROBLEMS
...

FIRST, I'M
WAITING
FOR A
CALL..

SORRY,
BOSS.
BUT...

YO,
EMILIO.

LET ME
EXPLAIN
WHAT I'M
DOING
RIGHT
NOW.

A CALL FROM
PALERMO. I
DON'T NEED TO
REMINDE YOU
THAT HE'S MY
BOSS, WHICH
MAKES HIM A
GOD TO YOU.

I'M SAYING,
AS LONG
AS WE CAN
RECOVER ALI
DRAGUA
WE'LL
HAVE NO
PROBLEMS.

ALL RIGHT,
ALL RIGHT.
RELAX.

SLAM

DO YOU
UNDER-
STAND, MY
ITALIAN
FRIEND?!

DON'T
PLAY
WITH ME.

YOU DO
THAT AND
YOU'LL...

IT WENT
THROUGH
THE LONDON
BULLION MARKET
ASSOCIATION, BUT
WE DON'T KNOW
WHERE IT IS NOW.

I'M SORRY
YOU GUYS
MISSED IT.

ASK
YOUR
CAPO!

WE WILL
KEEP THE
KANLIN
CODE AND
YOUR
HONOR.

WE CAN'T LET
THE RUSSIANS
HAVE THE
GOLDEN
CRESCENT...

WE
UNDER-
STAND,
MUSTAFA.

HEH
SNORT

DEPENDING
ON WHETHER
OR NOT YOU
PEOPLE CAN
FIND ALI
DRAGUA...
...THEY'RE
SAYING
THEY'LL EITHER
PARTNER UP
WITH YOU OR
THE RUSSIANS.



YO,
YO, YO,
RONNIE.

WHAT'S
WRONG
WITH YOUR
SOLDIER?

IK

SHUT UP,
TWO HAND,
OR I'LL
BUST YOUR
TEETH IN.

YO,
LOU!

YOU GOING
AROUND
ANNOUNCING
OUR BUSINESS
TO EVERYBODY
TOO?

YOU MIGHT
AS WELL BE
WALKING
AROUND
WITH A
MEGAPHONE!







NOW...

...WHAT'LL
IT BE?

I DON'T
MIND
STARTING
ALL OVER
BY STICKING
...

...SOME
DYNAMITE
UP YOUR
ASSES LIKE
A CANDLE.



HE SHOULD
PAY YOU
EXACTLY
WHEN HE
DOES...

HEY,
LAGOON
GUY.

HAND THIS
TO THE
FLOOR
MANAGER
AND GET
YOUR
PAYMENT.



YOU KNOW
WHAT THEY
CALL ME,
DON'T YOU?

...YOU GET
THE HELL
OUTTA MY
KINGDOM
AND...

...FORGET
EVERY-
THING YOU
JUST SAW.
OTHERWISE
...



WE GOT
ALBANIANS
HERE
NOW?

THIS PLACE
IS BECOMING
AN INTERNA-
TIONAL IDIOTS
CONVENTION.



I
WONDER
WHAT
THAT "ALI
DRAGLIA"
THE
ALBANIANS
...
MENTIONED ...
IS?



THOSE
GUYS...

...WERE
PRETTY
HARD-
PRESSED.



HEY...

ROCK.



...LIKE YOU'RE
TRYING TO
WIN ENOUGH
IN VEGAS TO
LIVE ON FOR
THE REST OF
YOUR LIFE...

...AND THEN
YOU HAD A
GUN RAMMED
UP YOUR ASS
LATE THAT
SAME NIGHT.



YOU
GOT THAT
LOOK. THAT
LOOK...

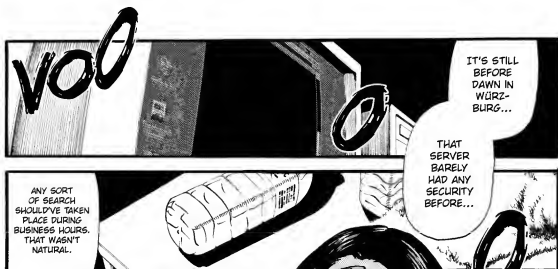


IF I WAS YOUR
MOMMA I'D
SAY IT WITH A
LITTLE MORE
CLASS.



I KNOW.
I KNOW.

DON'T TALK
TO ME LIKE
YOU'RE MY
MOTHER.







WHERE'S
COLONEL
MA?!

AT EASE,
COLONEL
CHANG.

I'LL
DO THE
TALKING.

COLONEL
MA!

WHAT
IN THE
WORLD HAVE
YOU BEEN
DOING?!
WHAT WAS...

G-
GENERAL
LIU!

WHAT
...

W...

LISTEN TO
ME VERY
CAREFULLY,
COLONEL
MA.

EARLY THIS
MORNING,
SOMEONE HAD
THE AUDACITY
TO COME
SEE ME.

WHO
DO YOU
THINK IT
WAS?

WHAT
IS
THIS?!



14 DONG
CHANG'AN
AVENUE,
COLONEL
MA.



WHO
...

...WAS
IT, SIR?

THE STATE
COUNCIL
MINISTRY
OF STATE
SECURITY'S...



I'D LIKE TO
SPEAK TO YOU
ABOUT MATTERS
OF NATIONAL
SECURITY.

I AM 8TH
BUREAU
ASSISTANT
CHIEF JING
YONG WANG...

...FROM THE
STATE COUNCIL
MINISTRY OF
STATE
SECURITY'S 8TH
BUREAU OF
COUNTER-
ESPIONAGE
INVESTIGATION.



THE
GENERAL IS
RIGHT,
COLONEL
MA!

ARE
YOU
STUPID
?!

WE
WOULDN'T
BE HERE
IF WE
KNEW!!

LIEU-
TENANT
YEYIN!

Y-YES,
SIR!



W...

WHAT
WOULD...

...THE
MSS
WANT TO
SPEAK
TO ME
ABOUT?



WE WERE
CONTACTED BY
REINBACH A.G.,
A GERMAN
NATIONAL
DEFENSE
COMPANY...

...THROUGH
AN
OVERSEAS
FIRM.

AND
UH...

U...

UH...

THEY CLAIM
TO HAVE
IRREFUTABLE
EVIDENCE THAT
OUR MILITARY...



...WAS
INVOLVED IN
THE THEFT
OF...



THAT'S
RIDICULOUS!

...IMPORTANT
DATA RELATING
TO AVIONICS.

IT'S
STILL
UNOFFICIAL,
BUT...

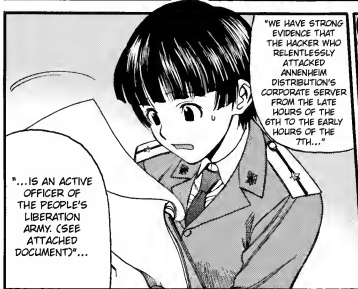


THAT
WAS TWO
MONTHS
AGO.
BESIDES...

...THERE
WERE
ABSOLUTELY
NO MISSTEPS
IN THE
OPERATION
ITSELF.
IT'S BEEN
CONFIRMED.

...
SUCCESS-
FULLY.

COLONEL MA,
I WAS TOLD
OPERATION
REINBACH
ENDED...



"WE HAVE STRONG
EVIDENCE THAT
THE HACKER WHO
RELENTLESSLY
ATTACKED
ANNENHEIM
DISTRIBUTION'S
CORPORATE SERVER
FROM THE LATE
HOURS OF THE
6TH TO THE EARLY
HOURS OF THE
7TH..."

"...IS AN ACTIVE
OFFICER OF
THE PEOPLE'S
LIBERATION
ARMY. (SEE
ATTACHED
DOCUMENT)"...



IF THERE
WAS NO
PROBLEM,
WHY ARE
WE IN THIS
MESS?!

UH,
SIR?

YOU
INCOMPE-
TENT
FOOL!

MAY I
CONTINUE
?

REINBACH AG



BECAUSE THEY CAME UNDER A SIMILAR ATTACK TWO MONTHS AGO VIA THE SAME COMPANY'S SERVER...



...THEY'VE CONCLUDED THAT ANNENHEIM DISTRIBUTION IS A FRONT COMPANY FOR THE P.L.A.'S GSD 2ND DEPARTMENT.

THAT BASICALLY SUMS IT UP.



ANNENHEIM DISTRIBUTION



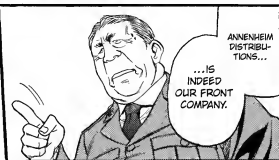
IT'S NOT A DIFFICULT OPERATION, COLONEL.

WE USE A CORPORATION IN LEIDEN AS A STEPPING-STONE...



WE GOT THE INFORMATION BY BRIBING A REINBACH ENGINEER. IN OTHER WORDS...

THAT IS UNFOUNDED, GENERAL!



ANNENHEIM DISTRIBUTIONS...

...IS INDEED OUR FRONT COMPANY.



THEIR CLAIM THAT THE LAST INFILTRATION WENT THROUGH ANNENHEIM DISTRIBUTION IS SIMPLY NOT TRUE!

THE INFORMATION WAS ACQUIRED FROM WITHIN REINBACH!

ANNENHEIM DISTRIBUTION WAS MERELY USED TO CONCEAL OUR DEALINGS WITH THE ENGINEER!





NO
WONDER
THE MSS
IS TAKING
ACTION.

IF WE DON'T
HANDLE THIS
DELICATELY
IT WILL BE A
MASSIVE IN-
TERNATIONAL
PROBLEM.

THERE I WAS
THINKING ALL
YOU PEOPLE
DID WAS
FOOL AROUND
ON THAT
INTERVIEW OR
WHATEVER...

AND THEN
YOU
BLUNDER
INTO THIS!

WHAT
THE HELL
IS FIRST
BUREAU
DOING?!



UH...

NO OFFICIAL
DEALINGS
EXIST BETWEEN
REINBACH A.G.
AND THE PRC.

FOR THE BENEFIT
OF EITHER PARTY,
IF WE AGREE
TO MONETARY
COMPENSATION...

...THEY
WILL NOT
FILE SUIT
OR GO
PUBLIC
WITH IT.



COLONEL
MA.

Z

FF



THAT'S
RIDICULOUS!

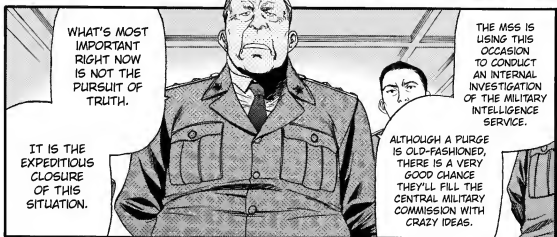
THE OBJEC-
TIVE OF MY
OPERATION WAS
TO INFILTRATE
A GROUP OF
COUNTERFEITERS
AND UNDERSTAND
THEIR METHODS!

IT HAS
NOTHING
TO DO
WITH
THIS!



TELL US
THE DETAILS
OF YOUR
ONGOING
OPERATION.

THERE'S
A CHANCE
A DOUBLE
AGENT IS
INVOLVED.







AND IT'S NOT
SAFE WHILE I'M
DRIVING. LET'S
CONTINUE BACK
AT THE MOTEL.

YEAH, I
HEAR IT.

UH...

YOUR
PHONE.



YES.

MISS
FU.
HOW
YOU
DOIN'?

YES,
BOSS.

I WANTED
TO SPEAK
TO YOU
ABOUT MY
WORK...



OH,
C'MON.

DON'T TALK
TO ME LIKE
I'M A MINK.

I WON'T
BE HERE
FOR MUCH
LONGER...



OH,
THAT?

I KNOW
IT'S
SUDDEN,
BUT
YOU'RE
FIRED.





THIRD
AND
MOST
IMPOR-
TANTLY.

IF YOU
DON'T RUN
LIKE HELL
NOW...

...YOU'RE
PROBABLY
GOING TO
DIE.



SECOND.



YOU
NEVER
KNOW
WHAT'S IN
STORE.



PAY CLOSE
ATTENTION
WHEN GOING
THROUGH
A HOLE
SOMEBODY
ELSE DUG.

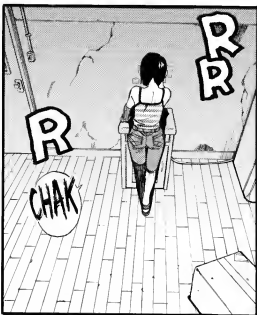
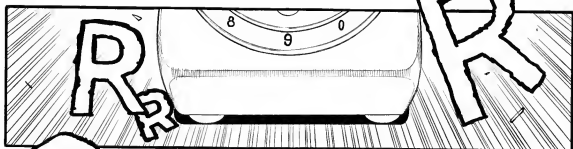
sigh,

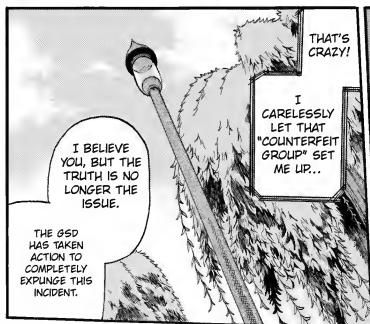


FUCK!

YOU
TRICKED
ME...









WHAT
DO YOU
MEAN...?

...



CHRP
CHRP



ALTHOUGH
...

...IT CAN'T
BE DONE
PUBLICALLY.

SERGEANT.

I WILL
PERSONALLY
INFORM YOUR
FAMILY OF YOUR
LOYALTY AND
ACHIEVEMENTS.



TO PRESERVE
THE PEACE IN
THE PEOPLE'S
REPUBLIC
AND FOR THE
DISGRACE OF
BEING A TRAITOR
YOU WILL
WILLINGLY...

I KNOW, THEY
CAN MOVE INTO
TO AN UPGRADE
APARTMENT
IN SHANGHAI
USING SECOND
DEPARTMENT'S
OPERATIONAL
FUNDS.

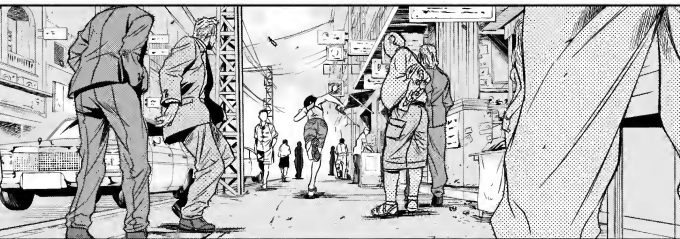
AND UH,
I'LL
THROW
IN A
MERCEDES
TOO.

...FALL IN
ROANAPUR.











BUT SHE'S A BONAFIDE FUCK FREAK.

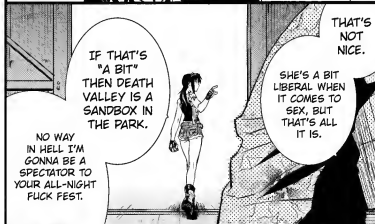
BENNY.

I DON'T CARE IF YOU SAY NICE THINGS ABOUT HER. I THINK IT'S GREAT YOU SPEAK HIGHLY OF YOUR GIRL.



I WISH YOU DIDN'T FEEL THAT WAY ABOUT JANE, REVY.

SURE, SHE CAN BE RUDE SOMETIMES, BUT IF YOU CAN IGNORE THAT, SHE'S NOT A BAD PERSON...



IF THAT'S "A BIT" THEN DEATH VALLEY IS A SANDBOX IN THE PARK.

NO WAY IN HELL I'M GONNA BE A SPECTATOR TO YOUR ALL-NIGHT FUCK FEST.

THAT'S NOT NICE.

SHE'S A BIT LIBERAL WHEN IT COMES TO SEX, BUT THAT'S ALL IT IS.



DON'T KID YOURSELF.

AS IF I'D TAKE A HANDOUT FROM YOU, YOU FOUR-EYED MONKEY.

OH, IS THAT RIGHT?

AND HERE I WAS THINKING OF HIRING YOU AS A PURSER SINCE WE MADE QUITE A BIT THIS TIME.



HMM ...

THEN...

...I'LL SHELL OUT A LITTLE MORE SO YOUR JAPANESE BOYFRIEND CAN COME WITH US...





HEY.

DON'T
GET TOO
CARRIED
AWAY.

...I EVEN PLAYED
THE ROLE OF
THE MAN TO
TAME ALL THOSE
FRUSTRATED
DYKES. SO
OFTEN THAT...
...I CAN'T
EVEN COUNT
'EM ALL ON
BOTH HANDS.

IF YOU
REALLY
INSIST, THEN
FINE, I'LL
PLAY.

WHEN I
WAS IN
PRISON...



IF YOU
REALLY
WANNA
DO THIS...

...YOU WON'T
BE ABLE TO
GO BACK TO
BENNY.

I KNOW WAY
BETTER THAN
YOU WHAT
GETS PEOPLE
OFF.

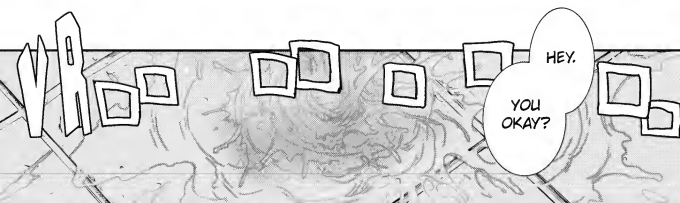
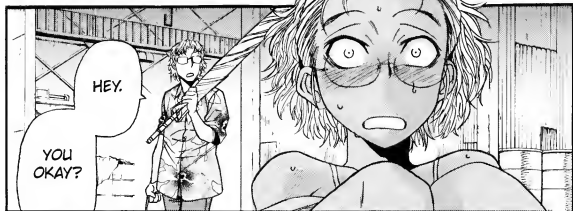
SO
LISTEN.



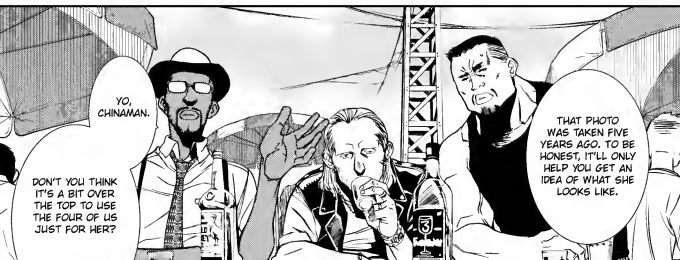
DISCUS-
SION'S
OVER.

HAVE
FUN WITH
BENNY-BOY.

DON'T
CAUSE
DUTCH ANY
TROUBLE.







YO,
CHINAMAN.

DON'T YOU THINK
IT'S A BIT OVER
THE TOP TO USE
THE FOUR OF US
JUST FOR HER?

THAT PHOTO
WAS TAKEN FIVE
YEARS AGO. TO BE
HONEST, IT'LL ONLY
HELP YOU GET AN
IDEA OF WHAT SHE
LOOKS LIKE.



...YOU GUYS
ARE THE ONLY
ASSETS WE
HAVE UNDER
CONTRACT HERE
THAT CAN ACT
QUICKLY.

IT'S OUR
POLICY
TO BE
ABSOLUTELY
SURE.
AND...



YO, IT'S
DECIDED
THEN.

MY
BROTHERS
AND I ARE IN
AGREEMENT.



IF YOU
GUYS ARE
DOWN FOR
IT...
...I
GOT NO
COMPLAINTS.



IT DON'T
MATTER,
BRO.

ALL WE
GOTTA DO
IS TAKE
CARE OF
HER.

PAXSON.

WHAT
ABOUT
YOU?



W...

WAIT!

YOU GOT IT, BRO.

SURE THING, BRO.

WE DON'T ACCEPT CHINESE YUAN. WE GET PAID IN DOLLARS, MR. YANG.

WELL THEN, LET'S GET THIS THING OVER WITH, MY BROTHERS.



UH, JUST OUT OF CURIOSITY.

WHAT IS IT, MR. YANG?

ARE YOU GUYS LIKE...

... "SWORN BROTHERS" ?



WHAT DID I TELL YOU, PAXSON?

SEE? I WAS RIGHT.

MONTERO!

IT TOOK 34 MINUTES FOR THAT QUESTION TO COME UP THIS TIME!



...THERE'S
SOME
OVERLAP.

WE'RE REAL
BROTHERS,
MR. YANG.

WE EACH HAVE
DIFFERENT
MOTHERS AND
FATHERS, BUT...

THINK

I
THOUGHT
YOU'D
GET
CURIOUS
RIGHT
AWAY.

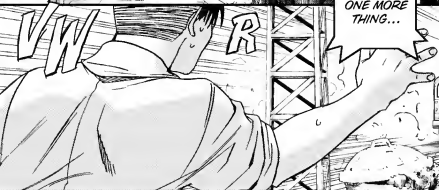
YOU'RE
SLOW
ON THE
LIFTAKE.



WAIT!

I GET
THAT, BUT
THERE'S
ONE MORE
THING...

TELL
HIM,
ROB.



SO
WHY...

...IS IT
ONLY YOU
THREE?

...

YOU SAID
"THE FOUR
OF US"...



AND
SO...

...TONIGHT'S
TRIP IS
CANCELLED.
THAT'S
WHAT I TOLD
DUTCH.

YEAH.

I FEEL BAD
FOR DUTCH,
BUT THAT WAS
THE RIGHT
DECISION.



?

A
WHAT?

THAT
GIRL WAS
SERIOUSLY
GOING
TO...
...DRAG
YOU INTO A
FULL-SCALE
"MONGOLIAN
ASSAULT."



NO WAY!
I WOULD
NEVER LET
HER DO
THAT TO
ME.

A GANG
BANG.
YOU KNOW,
LIKE...

...AN
ORGY,
DUDE.



HELL
YEAH.

YOU WANNA
KNOW
HOW MUCH
SHIT YOU
WOULD'VE
BEEN IN?



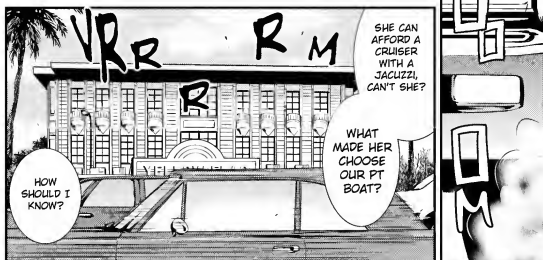
HE FAILED
MISERABLY
AND IS NO
LONGER
WITH US.

THERE'S
NOTHING WE
CAN DO IF
OUR CLIENT'S
DEAD.

WHAT CAN
WE DO?

WE WERE
SUPPOSED
TO BE TRANS-
PORTING SOME
GUY WHO
KNOCKED OVER
A BANK...

...IN
INDONESIA.







HOT,
HOT,
HOT,
HOT!

THE
CASINGS!
AGH!



YOU
THINK YOU
COULD
GO HOME
SINGIN'...

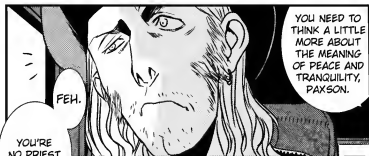
...AFTER
STICKING A
GUN INTO
OUR CAR?!

IF I
COULD
GO...

...I
WOULD
HAVE!!



WHAT
THE
HELL?



FEH.

YOU'RE
NO PRIEST
YOURSELF.

YOU NEED
TO THINK A LITTLE
MORE ABOUT
THE MEANING
OF PEACE AND
TRANQUILITY,
PAXSON.



UH...

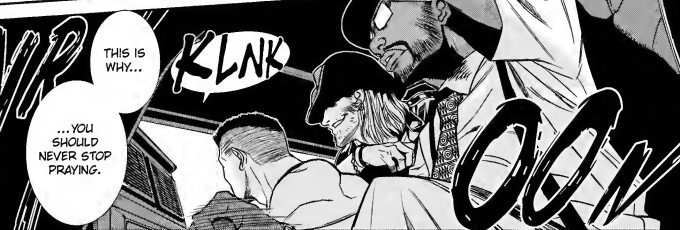
GUYS.

DON'T PREACH
TO ME LIKE
YOU'RE
TAKING MY
CONFESSION!



A SHOOT-
OUT?
SCARY.

I DON'T
MIND. IT'S
ATMO-
SPHERIC.





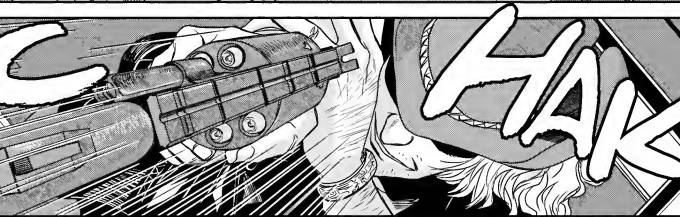
CAN I SHOOT
THE GUYS
IN THE
PLYMOUTH
TOO?

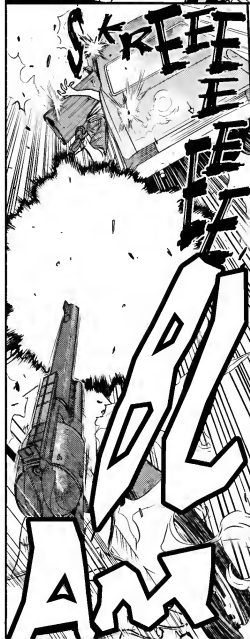
BRO?

CAN'T
MISS
FROM THIS
DISTANCE.

GO
AHEAD.
S'GOD'S
WILL.

YOU
SHOULD
ALWAYS
OBEY THE
LORD'S
GUIDANCE,
ROB.





THAT'S
PRETTY
RARE,
ROB!

YOU
MISSED
YOUR
FIRST
SHOT.

MON-
TERO!

ROCK!

LEAVE
THAT PIECE
OF SHIT
BEHIND!

NO!
DON'T!

DON'T
DROP
ME!

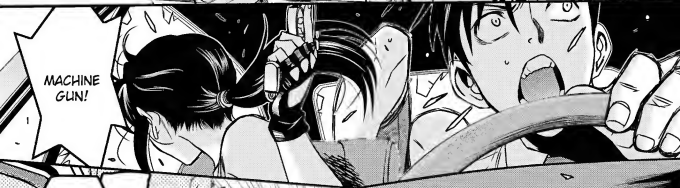
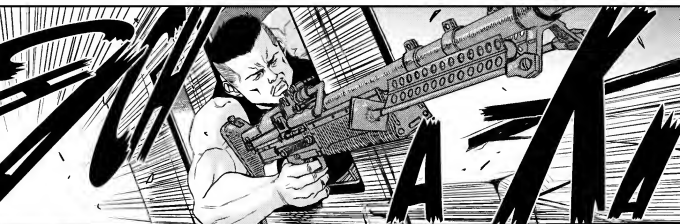
THEY'RE
GETTING'
AWAY!

THAT
TATTOOED
BITCH
KNOWS WHAT
SHE'S DOING,
BRO!

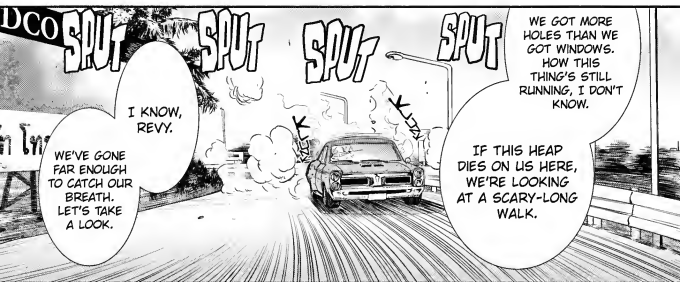
SWEET!













FW

ONLY A BURGLAR
POINTS A
GUN AT
SOMEBODY
THEY WANT
TO TALK TO.

YOU CAN'T
COMPLAIN
ABOUT BEING
SHOT AT NOW,
CAN YOU?

I'M
SORRY
ABOUT
THAT!
BUT...

THE ONLY
LINK TO THAT
WOMAN... WAS
YOU GUYS!

I JUST
WANTED TO
TALK...

POINTING A
GUN AT US
WITHOUT
EVEN SAYING
HI.

THEN OUTTA
NOWHERE THOSE
GUYS IN THE
HUMMER START
UNLOADING.

YOU SHOT
FIRST.

WHAT'S
NEXT? A
GAY DANCER
CARRYING
A NUKE?

I GET
IT.

OKAY.

AH.

THAT
WOMAN?

BIG TIME.
FROM
TOP TO
BOTTOM.

BIG TITS
MCGEE SET
YOU UP,
DIDN'T SHE?

HOW
STUPID. I
SEE WHAT
HAPPENED.

YO,
FOUR-
EYES.



THIS AIN'T A
TOWN SOME
COUNTRY-
ASS CHINK
CAN WANDER
AROUND IN.

HMPH.

WHAT?
DETENTION'S
OVER ONCE
YOU REPENT?

YES...

BEFORE THEY
TAPE A "KICK
ME" SIGN ON
YOU AGAIN...

...GET
THE FUCK
OUT OF
TOWN.

LET ME
GIVE YOU
A WORD
OF ADVICE.

THAT'S
IT.

YOU'RE
EXACTLY
RIGHT.



DON'T
MAKE
ME
LAUGH.

FW

I SAID, "THAT'S
AN AWFUL
THING TO SAY
TO A FELLOW
COMRADE
OF CHINESE
BLOOD."

IF YOU GO
BACK FAR
ENOUGH...

...EVERYONE
ON THIS
PLANET IS
RELATED TO
LUCY OR
LINUS OR
WHOEVER
THE FUCK IT
WAS.



同样有
中国人的血...

怎么可以说那
么过分的话?

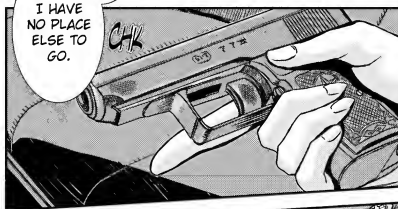


SPEAK
ENGLISH,
CHINKY.

I'M AN AMERICAN.
I ONLY SPEAK
ENGLISH WITH
AN EAST COAST
ACCENT AND
A TIP-OF-MY-
NAILS WORTH OF
CANTONESE.



YOU
WILL.



I HAVE
NO PLACE
ELSE TO
GO.



FENG.

IF YOU'RE
SEEKING
REVENGE
AGAINST
HER...

WE
CAN'T
HELP
YOU.



THERE ARE
A LOT OF
OBSTACLES IN
YOUR WAY.

IF YOU
WANT
REVENGE
...



IT'S NOT
A WISE
CHOICE.



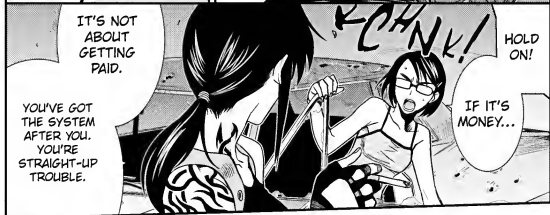
THOSE GUYS
WERE PROBABLY
HIRED BY THE
PEOPLE IN YOUR
REAL LINE OF
WORK.

DO YOU REALLY
WANT TO MAKE
MORE ENEMIES
UNDER THESE
CIRCUMSTANCES?

MISS BHAI
HAD NOTHING
TO DO
WITH THAT
HUMMER.

PLUS, I
MIGHT
ADD...







...
YOU'RE
RIGHT.

OKAY.

I
UNDER-
STAND.



...FROM
THE PEOPLE
WHO WANT
YOUR LIFE.

RUN
AS FAR
AWAY AS
YOU CAN...

THERE'S
ONLY ONE
CHOICE
LEFT FOR
YOU IN THIS
WORLD.

FW

...AS FAR AS
THE EYE CAN
SEE, IN HEAVEN
OR ON EARTH,
AFTER ALL, IS
ME.

SO THE ONLY
PERSON IN
THIS GOD-
FORSAKEN
PLACE...

BUT
STILL...

I WILL
SURVIVE.

I WON'T TRY
TO REASON OR
BARGAIN WITH
YOU ANYMORE.







ROCK.

SHE'S RIGHT.
LET HER DIG
HER OWN
GRAVE.

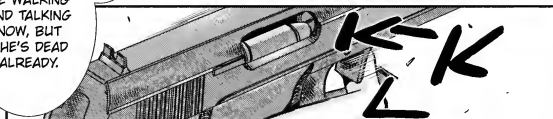
THERE'S
NO SENSE
IN GETTING
INVOLVED.

SHE MAY
BE WALKING
AND TALKING
NOW, BUT
SHE'S DEAD
ALREADY.



IF YOU
HAVE A
BETTER
IDEA...

...I'D
LOVE TO
HEAR IT.



THAT'S
RIGHT.

MY BOSS...
NO, MY
EX-BOSS SAID
THE SAME
THING.



KCH

ROCK
...

FORGET
IT.

SHE'S
JUST
GONNA SAY
THE SAME
THING AS
THAT KID.

NK



I
KNOW
...

I
KNOW...!



HE SAID
HE'D, "TAKE
CARE OF
THINGS
WHEN I'M
DEAD."

"SO FALL
WILLINGLY."



MISS
FENG.



IF YOU NEED
WEAPONS,
GO TO CLUB
SECLORUM.
THEY SELL
WEAPONS TO
FIRST-TIMERS.

IF YOU NEED
INFORMATION,
ASK THE STREET
VENDORS IN
NANKWAI FOR
RICHIE LEROY'S
WHEREABOUTS.

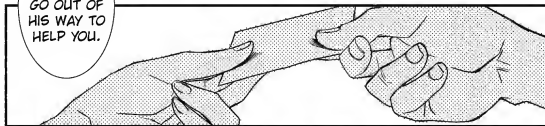
THE SALON DE
LICORNE WILL
PROVIDE YOU
A RELATIVELY
SAFE HIDEOUT.

JUST DON'T
TRUST THEM
TOO MUCH.



SHOW
HIM
THIS...

...AND HE
SHOULD
GO OUT OF
HIS WAY TO
HELP YOU.



BUT
WHY?

I THOUGHT
YOU DIDN'T
WANT TO BE
INVOLVED?

THANKS...



THAT'S
ALL.

IT'S
NOTHING
TO DO
WITH YOU.

I'VE GOT
MY OWN
REASONS
FOR DOING
THIS.



OH
YEAH?

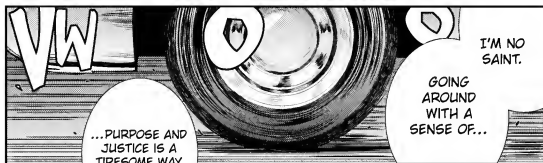
THEN LET
ME...











...PURPOSE AND JUSTICE IS A TIRESOME WAY TO LIVE.



MAYBE IT'S TIME I FOLLOW BENNY'S SECRET OF HOW TO GET ON IN LIFE.



?



...
SO, IS THIS THE ROCK WHO'S INDIFFERENT TO ALL THIS STUFF...



...OR
ROKURO
OKAJIMA, THE
JAPANESE
GUY?

OR ROCK,
THE
"CROOK"...

CAN'T TELL
WHICH IS
WHICH.



SHE GOT
AWAY?!





IT'S ONLY
A MATTER
OF TIME
BEFORE WE'RE
EXPOSED.

PEOPLE
FROM
14 DONG
CHANG'AN
AVENUE...

...HAVE BEEN
RELENTLESSLY
SEARCHING
THROUGH
OUR INTERNAL
DOCUMENTS.

I'M TELLING YOU
AGAIN, YOU HAVE
THREE DAYS
TO PROPERLY
DEAL WITH THIS
ROGUE SOLDIER.

IF THE
SITUATION IS
NOT IMPROVED
BY THAT
DEADLINE...

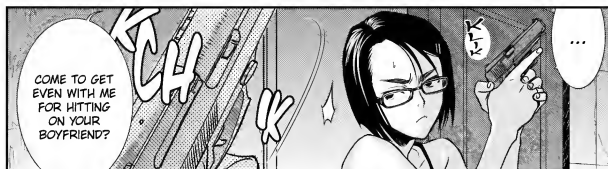
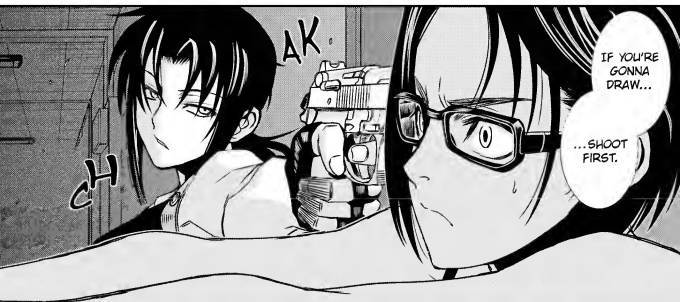
HOWEVER,
THAT IS A
LAST RESORT.
IF IT COMES
TO THAT...

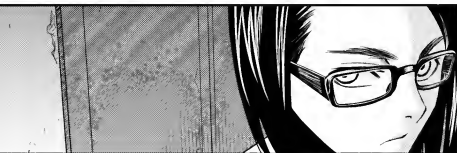
...THEY MAY
CALL FOR YOUR
HEAD. AND I MEAN
THAT LITERALLY-
THE ONE RIGHT
THERE ON YOUR
SHOULDERS.

...A TEAM
OF SPECIAL
OPERATORS WILL
BE DISPATCHED
TO THE AREA TO
TAKE OVER THE
MATTER.

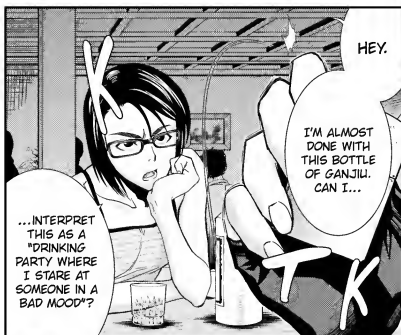














THE WEATHER'S
PRETTY NICE.
PERFECT FOR A
LITTLE STROLL.

THERE'S
AN EASIER
WAY THAN
THAT.

IT'LL SAVE YOU
THE TROUBLE
OF FINDING
THEM. THEY'LL
FIND YOU.

GO TAKE A
WALK OUTSIDE
WITHOUT HIDIN'
BEHIND SOME
CORNER.



HOW
'BOUT
IT?

...AND THE
ANGELS'
TRUMPETS'LL
START
RINGING.

THREE
SHARP
SHOTS
RING
OUT...



...IT MIGHT NOT
BE SUCH A BAD
IDEA TO DIE FOR
THE DUMBEST
REASON. FOR
EXAMPLE...

...BEING
SHOT BY
YOU.

IF I'M
GONNA DIE IN
THIS STUPID
LITTLE TOWN
ANYWAY...

...



HELL
NO.

BUT YOU
SEE...

GETTING
KILLED BY THE
PEOPLE THAT
DESERTED ME?



TO ME, IT
MEANS...

...LIVING.

YOU THINK
IT'S THE
SAME?

IT'S
NOT.

HMPH.

YOU'RE
PARTICULAR
ABOUT THE WAY
YOU DIE?

WHAT'S THE
DIFFERENCE
IF YOU'RE
DEAD?

I CAME
HERE
BECAUSE...

...I THOUGHT
WE COULD SOLVE
EACH OTHER'S
PROBLEMS.

WH



OK

LET'S GET
DOWN TO
BUSINESS...

OR...

YOU AND
YOUR
PEOPLE'S
PROBLEM?



I DON'T
QUITE
UNDERSTAND.

IS IT
YOUR
PROBLEM?



THERE'S A CHANCE SOMETHING COULD GO...

...SERIOUSLY WRONG BY MIXING YOU UP IN THIS.

IF THEY FIND OUT ABOUT IT SOMEWHERE DOWN THE LINE...

...THE TIME TO REGRET IT WOULD BE NOW.

WELL ...

I'M NOT SURE.

GLK

GLK

GLK

DON'T TALK IN RIDDLES.

IF YOU WANT TO PARTNER UP, SHARE SOME INFORMATION.

?

WHAT'RE YOU TALKING ABOUT?

ONCE YOU TAKE A BREATH...

...ALL YOU CAN DO IS GO FORWARD.

GV

...PEOPLE
ARE MADE TO
REACH...



SOMETIMES
IT'S IMPORTANT
IN LIFE TO MOVE
FORWARD ONCE
YOU'VE MADE
UP YOUR MIND.
WHEN YOU DO...

THOSE WERE
MY GRAND-
FATHER'S
WORDS. THE
ONLY PERSON
I RESPECTED
IN MY FAMILY.

...WHEREVER
THEY'RE
SUPPOSED
TO REACH.



WHEREVER
THAT MAY
BE.

RIGHT?

W

4

SK

I GUESS
WE ARRIVE
SOMEWHERE
ONE WAY OR
THE OTHER.

FINE...

WE
EVENTUALLY
REACH SOME
KIND OF
DESTINATION.

ME, YOU,
ALL OF
US.



I DON'T
KNOW EXACTLY
WHAT YOU'RE
REFERRING
TO...

...BUT
THAT'S
RIGHT.





KLACH



WHAT
HAPPENED?

WHAT
THE...?



...LET
US IN
FIRST.

I DON'T
HAVE TIME
TO EXPLAIN.
IF YOU
DON'T...

I KNOW
YOU HAVE
A TON OF
QUESTIONS.

AND THERE'S
A LOT I NEED
SPEAK TO
YOU ABOUT,
BUT...



LIKE A
GEYSER,
SHE'LL...



GUUP





UNBELIEVABLE.

SHE'D BE DEAD IF SHE DIDN'T HAVE A STEEL LIVER.



WE HAD FOUR OF THAT.

THEN BY THE TIME WE FINISHED A BOTTLE OF OLD OVERHOLT, SHE PASSED OUT.



ANYWAY, I FOUND OUT WHO COULD TAKE CARE OF HER AND SO WE ENDED UP HERE.

I'M STRONG AGAINST MISFORTUNES AND ALCOHOL.

I DON'T UNDERSTAND HOW YOU SEEM TO BE ALL RIGHT.



ESPECIALLY SINCE YOU TWO WERE...

...SHOOTING AT EACH OTHER'S FACES LAST NIGHT.

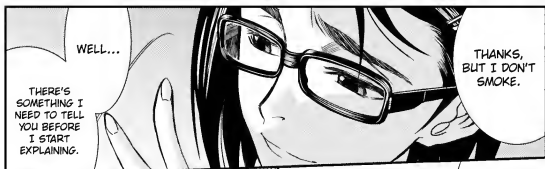
WELL I THANK YOU FOR THAT...



BUT...

...BEFORE YOU BROUGHT HER HERE...

YOU SHOULD'VE SKIPPED TOWN.





AND
ALL KINDS
OF OTHER
CATASTROPHES.



JUSTICE,
VIRTUE,
DIGNITY...



THE MAID
AND HER
YOUNG
MASTER...



THE
DETAILS
OF THE
INCIDENT
YOU
WERE...

...INVOLVED
IN A LITTLE
WHILE AGO.



I'M
BORROWING
YOUR
SHOWER...

URGH
...

SHIT...
UGH,
WHICH
WAY'S THE
FLOOR?!

ROOOOCK!



THAT'S
ALL
GOT...

...NOTHING
TO DO WITH
YOU.

...

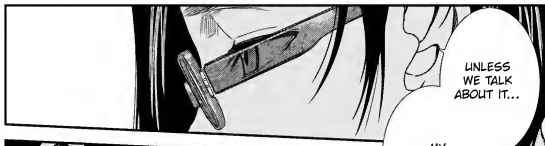


ESPECIALLY
SINCE I'M
FACED WITH
A...

...LIFE
OR DEATH
SITUATION.

IT'S ONE
OF THE
REASONS
YOU
TURNED
ME
AWAY...

AS LONG
AS THAT'S
TRUE, IT
DOES HAVE
SOMETHING
TO DO WITH
ME.



UNLESS
WE TALK
ABOUT IT...



...MY
BATTLE...



...CAN'T
START.







...BUT
YOU'RE AN
ANOMALY.

YOU'RE
USED
TO THIS
TOWN...

THE FIRST
THING I
THOUGHT
WHEN I SAW
YOU.



SO THEN
WHY?

...WOULDN'T
HAVE ENDED
UP HERE.

ORDINARILY,
YOU...



IT WAS A
LONG, LONG
TIME AGO...

THERE WAS
A GUY WHO
WAS CONFUSED
ABOUT HIS OWN
WORTH...



THAT WAS
HOW IT ALL
STARTED.

HE WAS ORDERED
TO CLEAN UP THE
MESS HIS COMPANY
AND HIS BOSSES
LEFT BEHIND. AND
HE THOUGHT HE
COULD DO IT
TOO.



THEY
SET
YOU
UP...

A
PREDICTABLE
TURN OF
EVENTS.

LIKE
THROWING
AWAY AN
INACCURATE
FINANCIAL
STATEMENT.

...AND
THEN
LEFT
YOU?



MY COMPANY
AND MY
BOSSES
THREW ME
INTO THE
DUMPSTER.



BUT
...

...YOU
SURVIVED.

AND
YOU'RE
STILL
HERE.

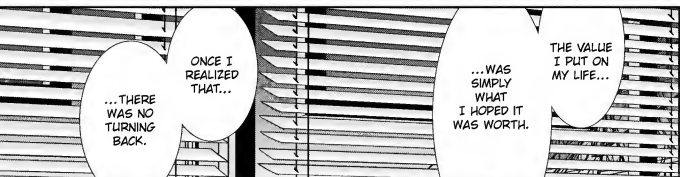
YOU DIDN'T
CONSIDER
GOING
BACK?



...WAS ALSO
A MISGUIDED
ASSUMPTION.

I REALIZED
SOMETHING
ELSE WHEN
I LEARNED
MY VALUE.

THE VALUE
I PLACED
ON WHERE I
WAS IN MY
LIFE...

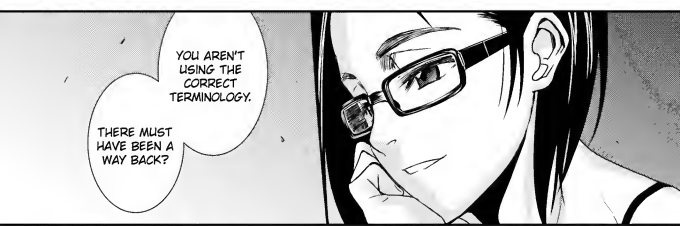


...THERE
WAS NO
TURNING
BACK.

ONCE I
REALIZED
THAT...

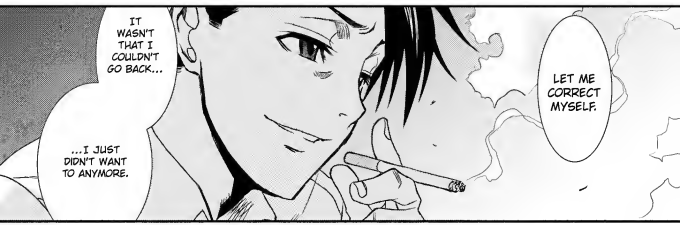
...WAS
SIMPLY
WHAT
I HOPED IT
WAS WORTH.

THE VALUE
I PUT ON
MY LIFE...



THERE MUST
HAVE BEEN A
WAY BACK?

YOU AREN'T
USING THE
CORRECT
TERMINOLOGY.



IT
WASN'T
THAT I
COULDN'T
GO BACK...

...I JUST
DIDN'T WANT
TO ANYMORE.

LET ME
CORRECT
MYSELF.





THAT'S
RIGHT.

I'M FROM WAY,
WAY OUT IN THE
STICKS, EVEN IN
THE PEOPLE'S
REPUBLIC OF
CHINA.

DEEP IN THE
MOUNTAINS.
SO DEEP
THERE MIGHT
AS WELL BE
YETIS.



EVEN
BEFORE
THAT.

YOU'RE
FROM
JAPAN...
TOKYO?



YOU MEAN
TO SAY
WE WERE
DUPED?



THANKS TO MY
GRANDFATHER
WHO SERVED
IN THE EIGHTH
ROUTE ARMY
DURING THE CIVIL
WAR...

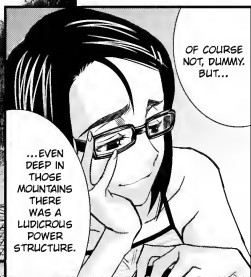
...EVEN WITHIN THAT
PETTY HIERARCHY,
OUR FAMILY WAS
ABLE TO BECOME
SOMETHING LIKE
KING OF THE HILL.

I HAVE
THREE OLDER
BROTHERS.
THE OLDEST IS
THE SECOND
SECRETARY OF
THE RESIDENTS'
COMMITTEE.

NOT
A BAD
POSITION
FOR DEEP
IN THE
MOUNTAINS.

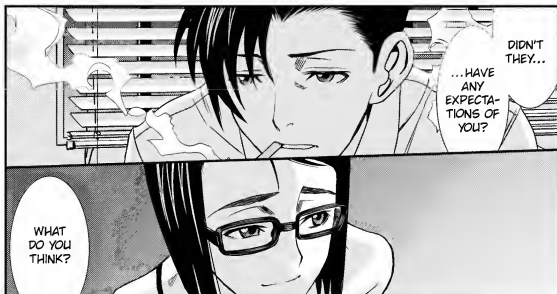


HAVE
YOU
SEEN
ONE?



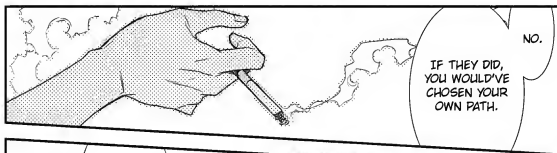
OF COURSE
NOT, DUMMY.
BUT...

...EVEN
DEEP IN
THOSE
MOUNTAINS
THERE
WAS A
LUDICROUS
POWER
STRUCTURE.

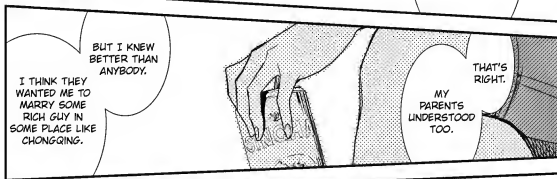


DIDN'T
THEY...
...HAVE
ANY
EXPECTATIONS
OF
YOU?

WHAT
DO YOU
THINK?

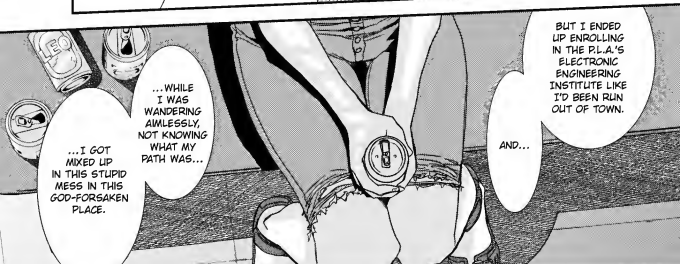


NO.
IF THEY DID,
YOU WOULD'VE
CHOSEN YOUR
OWN PATH.



BUT I KNEW
BETTER THAN
ANYBODY.
I THINK THEY
WANTED ME TO
MARRY SOME
RICH GUY IN
SOME PLACE LIKE
CHONGQING.

THAT'S
RIGHT.
MY
PARENTS
UNDERSTOOD
TOO.



...I GOT
MIXED UP
IN THIS STUPID
MESS IN THIS
GOD-FORSAKEN
PLACE.

...WHILE
I WAS
WANDERING
AIMLESSLY,
NOT KNOWING
WHAT MY
PATH WAS...

AND...

BUT I ENDED
UP ENROLLING
IN THE P.L.A.'S
ELECTRONIC
ENGINEERING
INSTITUTE LIKE
I'D BEEN RUN
OUT OF TOWN.



OR...



...KNEW
YOU
WOULD
END UP
HERE...

...WOULD
YOU HAVE
CHOSEN A
DIFFERENT
PATH?



HEY...

IF
YOU...



YEAH...

I THINK I
STILL...

...WOULD
HAVE COME
HERE.



WHAT A
SURPRISE
...

I JUST
REALIZED.

AM I
CHINESE?

NO.

MY
WORK?

NO.

THE
LIFE AND
RELATION-
SHIPS I'VE
MADE FOR
MYSELF SO
FAR?

NO.

MY PAST, MY
HOME, MY
COUNTRY, MY
QUALIFICA-
TIONS...

THEY TOOK IT
ALL FROM ME.
JUST LIKE THEY
DID TO YOU.

WELL, LET
ME ASK
YOU THIS
INSTEAD.

GLOX

GLOX

EVEN
IF...

...YOU
KNEW
WHAT
WOULD
HAPPEN?

WHAT AM
I RIGHT
NOW?

WHO
EXACTLY
AM I?





AND
THAT'S
GREAT.

ONLY I
CAN DECIDE
THAT.

NOW
THAT...

...IS
EXCITING.





YEAH.

MAYBE
IT IS.



SHE'S
BEEN IN
THERE A
WHILE.

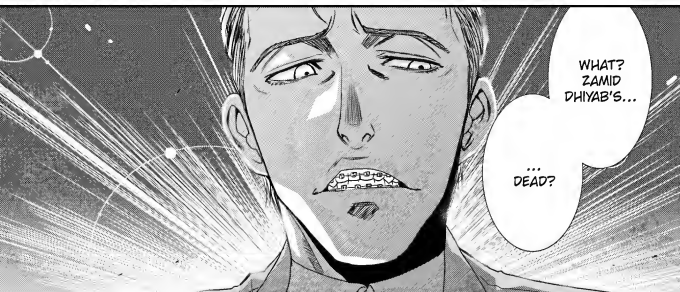
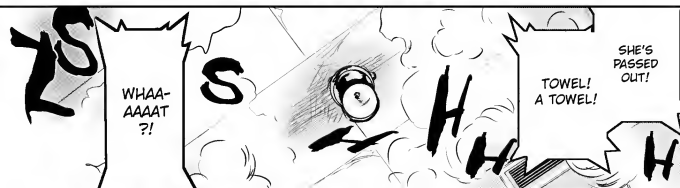
REVV.

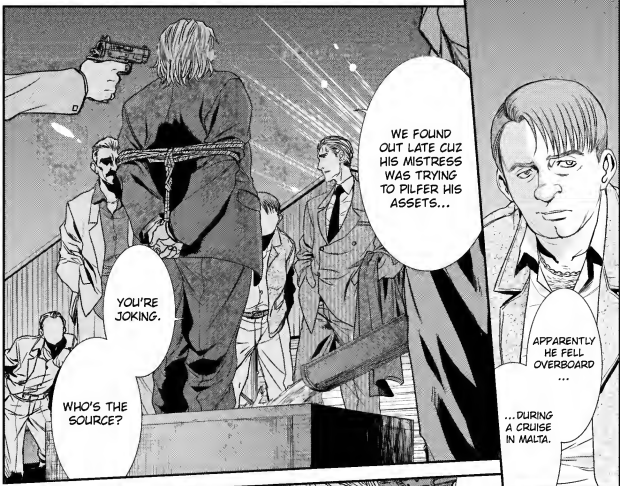


BY THE
WAY...

IT'S A BIT
OFF THE
SUBJECT,
BUT...

MM?





WE FOUND
OUT LATE CUZ
HIS MISTRESS
WAS TRYING
TO PILFER HIS
ASSETS...

YOU'RE
JOKING.

WHO'S THE
SOURCE?

APPARENTLY
HE FELL
OVERBOARD
...

... DURING
A CRUISE
IN MALTA.



MR.
RONALD!

LET ME
EXPLAIN.

THE
YARD.

SCOTLAND
YARD.



I WON'T
EVER GO
NEAR IT
AGAIN AND
I WON'T
GO TO
THE COPS
ABOUT IT.

I'LL TAKE
WHATEVER
YOU OFFER.
SO...



PLEASE
FORGIVE
ME.

THAT TITLE
DEED WAS
A MISTAKE.
I ADMIT IT.

THE
YARD?

GOD
FUCKING
DAMN IT.



I GOT NO BUSINESS WITH SOME AQUARIUM DECORATION. GET DOWN THERE WITH THE BOTTOM FEEDERS ALREADY.

HOW STRANGE. THIS FISH REEF'S TALKING.

SAMMY, I WAS ONLY TALKING TO YOU ABOUT THE DEED BECAUSE YOU WEREN'T FISH FOOD YET.



GOT THAT?



AND?

WHERE'S THE ALBANIAN'S MONEY?

IF ONLY I COULD GO DOWN TO THAT COAL MINE IN HELL AND KILL HIM PROPERLY.

I LOST MY TRAIN OF THOUGHT, WHAT WERE WE... OH...



WELL...

THAT'S ...

UH...

ZAMID, YEAH, THAT FUCKER ZAMID.

HE SHITS ALL OVER THE PLACE AND THEN DIES ON ME!



NOT THE WEATHER OR THE STOCK PRICES. THE MONEY, CAMILLO.

HEY, CAMILLO. GIMME A BREAK.

THE THING I REALLY WANNA TALK ABOUT IS THE LOCATION OF THE MONEY.



...

WHERE'S THE MONEY, HUH?

YOU WANNA ADD ANOTHER DECORATION?



I ALREADY MADE AN ALLOWANCE FOR THAT. THE ISSUE IS WHETHER THE YARD KNOWS ABOUT THE ACCOUNT.

THAT AIN'T SOMETHING SOME DIMWIT BITCH CAN HANDLE ON HER OWN.

KLAK KLAK KLAK

WE DON'T KNOW. I'M SORRY, BOSS.

HIS WHORE WAS LIFTED BEFORE SHE GOT HER HANDS ON HIS ASSETS.



I CAN GUARANTEE THAT, BOSS. SO...

CAMILLO ...

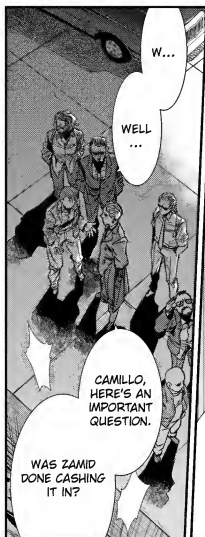


AND ZAMID WAS CAUTIOUS. HE DEFINITELY...

...WOULD'VE MOVED IT SOMEWHERE SAFE WHERE NOBODY COULD GET TO IT.

I WOULDN'T WORRY ABOUT THAT, BOSS.

FROM WHAT'S BEEN LEAKED, THERE WAS NOTHING ABOUT NO ACCOUNT.



W...

WELL
...

CAMILLO,
HERE'S AN
IMPORTANT
QUESTION.

WAS ZAMID
DONE CASHING
IT IN?



...THEN
WHO
THE
HELL...

...IS
GONNA
DIG IT
UP?



NOT A
SINGLE
PROBLEM'S
BEEN
SOLVED.

IF IT'S
SOMEWHERE
SAFE WHERE
ONLY HE COULD
GET TO...

KLANK

KLANK

GRI

AS SOON
AS HE WAS
BACK FROM
VACATION...

GRI

GRI

IT'S GONE
THROUGH
THE BULLION
BANK AND
THE MINING
COMPANY HE
HAD CLOSE
TIES TO...

...AND O'NEIL
& JENKINS
MINERALS.



...
WHO'S THE
SECONDARY
ACCOUNT
HOLDER?

...I THINK HE
WAS THINKING
ABOUT MOVING
THE LAUNDERED
MONEY FROM...
...A BANK TO A
SHELL COMPANY
SOMEWHERE
LIKE PANAMA.

BUT
THAT'S
A DEAD
END.

I THOUGHT
OF THAT
TOO.

HE HAD NO
SUPER-
VISORY
AUTHORITY
OVER THE
ACCOUNT.

POFF

RONNIE!
PLEASE!
HELP ME!

I'M
BEGGIN'
YOU
PLEASE!

I'M
THINKIN'
HERE.
SHUT UP.

HEY, NICO.
SINK HIM
ALREADY!

IF
SO...

WE AIN'T LIKE
THE RUSSIANS.
WE CAN'T GO
BUSTING HEADS
OPEN OVER
THIS.

PLEASE!
DON'T
DO THIS!

YOU'RE
KIDDING
ME, RIGHT,
RONALD?!

SPLASH

SPLASH

THE
ALBANIANS
ARE PAST
THEIR
DEADLINE...

WE'LL JUST
HAVE TO FIND
SOMEBODY
SUITABLE TO
COOK THE
BOOKS.

AND DON
MONTVERTI
IS ON EDGE
ABOUT
THIS.

DO
WHATEVER
YOU
GOTTA DO,
CAMILLO.

VRR

UGH...

I NEED
SOME HAIR
OF THE
DOG.

MY HEAD'S
STILL
RINGING...



UNLESS
WE'RE GOING
TO THE MALL
IN MAPRAO.





...WEIGHT'S
BEEN LIFTED
OFF YOUR
SHOULDERS
THEN.

I
SEE...

SO A
LITTLE...



HMPH...

IF IT
AMUSED
YOU...

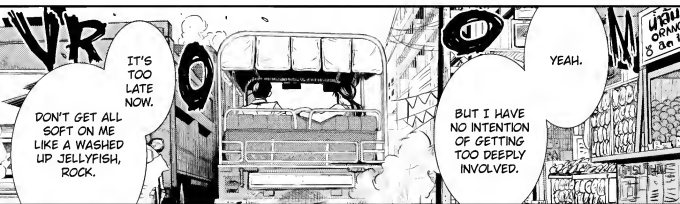
...IT
COULDN'T BE
ANY BETTER.
THAT'S ALL I
THOUGHT...



I'M
SORRY
YOU
HAD TO
WORRY
ABOUT
ME.

THANKS.

REVV.



DON'T GET ALL
SOFT ON ME
LIKE A WASHED
UP JELLYFISH,
ROCK.

IT'S
TOO
LATE
NOW.

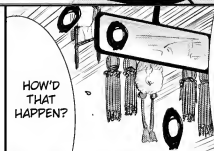
YEAH.

BUT I HAVE
NO INTENTION
OF GETTING
TOO DEEPLY
INVOLVED.

...DO WHAT
YOU WANNA
DO.

YESTERDAY
WAS
YESTERDAY,
TOMORROW'S
TOMORROW.

I GOT
YOUR BACK,
SO...



HOW'D
THAT
HAPPEN?

IT'S PRETTY
UNUSUAL OF
YOU TO BE
SO CHUMMY
WITH SOMEONE
YOU HAD A
SHOOTOUT
WITH JUST THE
OTHER DAY.

SHE
SAID...



NOT
REALLY.

IT
WAS NO
BIG DEAL.

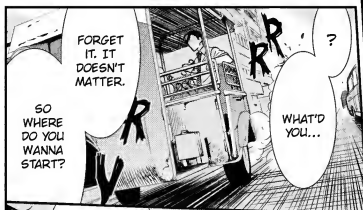
DID
SOMETHING
HAPPEN
BETWEEN YOU
TWO BEFORE
YOU CAME...

...
STUMBLING
INTO MY PLACE
UNCONSCIOUS?



...THE
SAME
THING.

BE THAT
AS IT
MAY...







IT AIN'T
HARD TO
SEND THEM
TO HELL,
BUT...

I'VE NEVER
SEEN THEM
AROUND HERE
BEFORE. BUT
THEIR LACK OF
HESITATION IS
A SIGN THEY
KNOW WHAT
THEY'RE
DOING.

THE
SEED OF
TROUBLE
IS STILL
BURIED
IN THE
GROUND.

...IF WE DON'T
NIP THIS IN THE
BUD, SOMEBODY
ELSE WILL
TAKE OVER FOR
THEM QUICK.

THEY'RE LIKE
ROACHES.
THEY NEVER
GO AWAY.

THEY'LL
BE BACK
SOONER OR
LATER.

THOSE
HIT MEN
THAT TURNED
OUR CAR
INTO SCRAP
OVER AT
THE YELLOW
FLAG...



THAT
HIDEOUT-
WILL IT GIVE
US THAT
TIME?

THIS DELAY
IS A WAY TO
BUY US
TIME.

I
KNOW.

...BUT OF
THE PLACES
I KNOW, IT'S
THE ONE I
TRUST THE
MOST.

YEAH.

NOTHING'S
PERFECT...



COMPARED
TO THE
MANAGERS OF
SOME MOTELS
AROUND
HERE...

ONCE WE TAKE
CARE OF OUR
ON-SHORE
BUSINESS...

LET'S GO MAKE
ANOTHER
VISIT BEFORE
SUNSET.

...THEY'RE WAY
MORE DISCREET
AND WE OWE
EACH OTHER A
FAVOR.



PAXSON!

FORGET IT!
THERE'S
NOTHING YOU
CAN DO WHEN
HE'S LIKE
THAT.

BACK TO
BUSINESS.

HEY,
PAXSON, YOU
LISTENING?!





IT'S VERY
LIKELY THEY
WERE SIMPLY
CAUGHT IN THE
MIDDLE OF IT.

THEY WERE
PROBABLY
JUST
PASSING BY.

RIGHT.

SO WE HAVE
AN IDEA OF
WHO THOSE
PEOPLE ARE
THAT YOU
EXCHANGED
FIRE WITH.



OH, MAN.
SHE WAS
SO FINE
TOO.

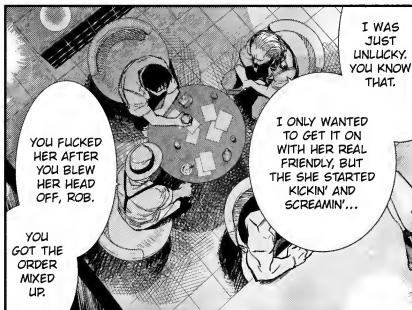
YOU'RE
SAYING
IT WAS
A COINCIDENCE?

SO I
WON'T
GET TO
SEE HER
AGAIN?



HOW MANY
YEARS DID
YOU SPEND IN
THAT ARIZONA
PRISON?

AH, ROB.
YOU'RE
NOT GOING
DOWN THAT
PATH OF SIN
AGAIN, ARE
YOU?



YOU FUCKED
HER AFTER
YOU BLEW
HER HEAD
OFF, ROB.

YOU
GOT THE
ORDER
MIXED
UP.

I ONLY WANTED
TO GET IT ON
WITH HER REAL
FRIENDLY, BUT
THE SHE STARTED
KICKIN' AND
SCREAMIN'...

I WAS
JUST
UNLUCKY.
YOU KNOW
THAT.

IT WAS
MOST LIKELY
THE LAGOON
TRADERS— A
GUN-HAND
BELONGING TO
THEIR CREW.

HOWEVER,
THEY WEREN'T
NECESSARILY
ASSISTING THE
TARGET...



I DIDN'T
COME
HERE...

...TO
LISTEN TO
THIS!

YO.

ME
NEITHER,
CHINAMAN.

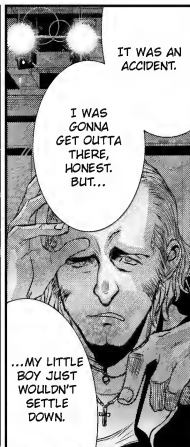


THAT
WOULD'VE
MEANT SHE
DIED FOR
NOTHING,
YEAH?

IT
WOULD'VE
BEEN A
WASTE.

UH...

THAT'S
ENOUGH.



IT WAS AN
ACCIDENT.

I WAS
GONNA
GET OUTTA
THERE,
HONEST.
BUT...

...MY LITTLE
BOY JUST
WOULDN'T
SETTLE
DOWN.



WHAT
ARE YOUR
THOUGHTS
ON THAT,
CHINAMAN?

BUT...

...IF THOSE GUYS
ARE GOING TO BE
INVOLVED AGAIN,
THAT'S A PROBLEM
FOR US.



IF IT
BECOMES
CLEAR THAT
THEY'RE
PROTECTING
THE TARGET...

...THAT WOULD
CREATE A
DISCREPANCY
IN OUR
AGREEMENT.
IT WOULD
AFFECT OUR
COMPENSATION.



THAT'S
HARD TO
SAY.

I
CAN'T SAY
ANYTHING
CERTAIN
AT THE
MOMENT.



...IS FOR
EX-SERGEANT LI
TO BE SWIFTLY
NEUTRALIZED.

WHAT
NEEDS
TO BE
DONE...

WE ONLY
PAY FOR
THE
JOB WE
REQUEST.



IT AIN'T
WORTH IT.
WE'D BE
RISKING
TOO MUCH.

IF YOU
CONSIDER
THIS TO BE
ONE JOB,
GO HIRE
SOMEONE
ELSE.

YO.

THE STAKES
HAVE BEEN
RAISED,
CHINAMAN.



I'M GLAD
YOU UNDER-
STAND.

YOU MAY NOT
BELIEVE IN THE
LORD, BUT I'M
SURE YOU'LL
FIND YOUR WAY
TO COMMUNIST
HEAVEN.

ALTHOUGH THIS
GOES AGAINST
MY BETTER
JUDGMENT, THIS
IS AN URGENT
MATTER...

I'LL SPEAK TO
MY SUPERIORS
ABOUT YOUR
COMPENSATION.



WE'RE
SHORT-
STAFFED,
BUT WE HAVE
PEOPLE ON
HER.

I'LL LET YOU
KNOW AS SOON
AS WE LOCATE
THE TARGET.

BY THE
WAY...

KEEP IN
CLOSE
TOUCH,
CHINAMAN.

THIS TOWN IS
IN THE VALLEY
OF THE SHADOW
OF DEATH. AIN'T
NO PLACE TO
BE WANDERING
AROUND
BLINDLY.





WHAT'S
UP,
JOANNA?

OH.

WE GET TWO
OR THREE
IDIOTS EVERY
MONTH THAT
CAN'T HOLD
THEMSELVES
BACK.

DOES
JULIAN
NEED
HELP?

WE CAN
GIVE HIM
A HAND.

BUT IF THEIR
FRIENDLY
CONVERSATION
TIME'S OVER...
THEN MAYBE.

IT'S NO
BIG DEAL.

IT'S
AWFULLY
NOISY OUT
THERE.

"FENG"
IS FINE.

I DON'T MIND
A LITTLE
NOISE. DON'T
WORRY
ABOUT IT.

SORRY
ABOUT
THAT.

IT'S ALWAYS
LIKE THIS, SO
GET USED
TO IT. MISS,
UH...





THERE ARE
SEVERAL
CONDITIONS THAT
NEED TO BE MET
IN ORDER TO
SAVE YOU FROM
YOUR CURRENT
SITUATION...

LET'S GET
BACK TO
IT.

THE KEY TO
RESOLVING
IT IS STILL
FOGGY.



IN
OTHER
WORDS

WE CAN'T SECURE
YOUR SAFETY
UNLESS EITHER
YOUR ENEMIES
GIVE UP OR WE
ELIMINATE THEIR
REASONS FOR
CHASING YOU.

EVEN IF WE
ELIMINATE
YOUR
PURSUERS,
THERE'LL BE
MORE.

I TOLD REVY,
BUT JANE'S
VISIT HERE
WAS RATHER
MEANINGLESS.

ONCE THE TRAP
WAS SET, THE
SITUATION WAS
OUT OF HER
HANDS.



UNFOR-
TUNATELY,
THAT'S
EXACTLY THE
CASE RIGHT
NOW.

AS LONG AS
JANE'S LEAD
IS DEAD, WE'LL
HAVE TO COME
AT IT FROM
A DIFFERENT
ANGLE.

SO MY
HANDS
ARE TIED.



HOLD
ON,
ROCK.

YOU'RE
PUTTING
YOURSELF IN A
CORNER. "IT'S
HARD TO TELL
A POOR
THINKER FROM
A SLEEPING
ONE".

BUT
THERE
HAS TO
BE A
WAY.

I FEEL LIKE
IT'S ALMOST
AT THE
TIP OF MY
TONGUE,
BUT...

...I CAN'T
PUT MY
FINGER
ON IT.

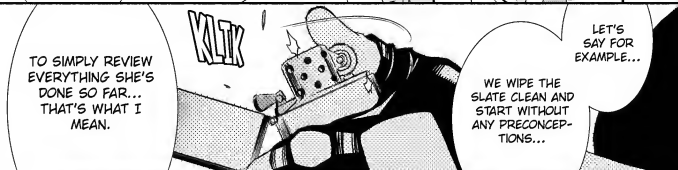


A FEMALE
WHITE-COLLAR
CRIMINAL NAMED
BITOK USED TO
SAY THAT ALL THE
TIME LIKE SHE
WAS PRAYING AT
MASS.

IT'S
NOT THAT
COMPLICATED.

WHEN YOU'RE
AT YOUR WIT'S
END, SOMETIMES
IT HELPS TO BE
STUPID.

?
WHAT
DO YOU
...?



TO SIMPLY REVIEW
EVERYTHING SHE'S
DONE SO FAR...
THAT'S WHAT I
MEAN.

LET'S
SAY FOR
EXAMPLE...

WE WIPE THE
SLATE CLEAN AND
START WITHOUT
ANY PRECONCEP-
TIONS...



THE TRAP JANE
SET AND THE
DETAILS OF
HOW YOU GOT
CAUGHT IN IT.
ALL OF IT.

SOME-
WHERE IN
THERE...

...IS THE
KEY THAT
WILL SAVE
YOU.



YEAH
...

I GUESS
IT'S NOT
A BAD
IDEA TO
RE-EXAMINE
THE
SITUATION.

BUT,
UM...

I
WOULDN'T
KNOW
WHERE TO
START...

WHAT THAT
BUSTY INDIAN
GIRL ORDERED
ME TO DO
WAS...

...INFILTRATE A
GERMAN AVIONICS
MANUFACTURER BY
USING A CERTAIN
COMPANY AS A
STEPPING-STONE
AND EXTRACT
SOME DATA.

OKAY, ALL
RIGHT...

JUST
THINKING
ABOUT IT
GIVES ME THE
FITS, BUT
I'LL TRY.

BUT...

...AS YOU
KNOW,
EVERYTHING
WAS A SHAM.

THAT
"CERTAIN
COMPANY"
WAS...

...A FRONT
COMPANY
FOR MY REAL
EMPLOYER.

...SHE WAS
PUTTING
TOGETHER
EVIDENCE...

...OF THE P.L.A.'S
OPERATIONS
IN ORDER TO
DRAG OUR
FRONT COMPANY,
"ANNENHEIM
DISTRIBUTIONS" OUT
IN THE OPEN FOR
REINBACH TO SEE.
THAT'S KINDA WHAT
I THINK HAPPENED.

SHE AND
THE OTHER
HACKERS LET
ME THROUGH
A BACK
DOOR THEY
OPENED...

THIS IS
PURE
SPECU-
LATION
BUT...

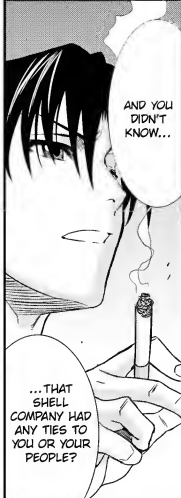
...AND WHILE I
WAS STUPIDLY
SEARCHING IN THE
WRONG AREA...



IF MY
DEPARTMENT
WAS SO
LINGUARDED
...

ARE YOU
BEING
SERIOUS?

...THAT
SOMEBODY WOULD
STUPIDLY OPEN
UP ABOUT THE
SPECIFICS OF AN
OPERATION THEY'RE
INVOLVED IN WHILE
EATING LUNCH...



AND YOU
DIDN'T
KNOW...



...OUR SPY
AGENCIES WOULD
BE OUT OF
BUSINESS.

DEVELOPING
WINDOWS
GAMES WOULD
BE MUCH MORE
PRODUCTIVE FOR
MY COUNTRY.

YOU'RE
ABSOLUTELY
RIGHT.

IT'D BE A
WASTE OF
TAXPAYERS'
MONEY.

...THAT
SHELL
COMPANY HAD
ANY TIES TO
YOU OR YOUR
PEOPLE?



...WITH A
NOTE THAT
SAID "WORLD'S
FUNNIEST
HOME VIDEO
ENCLOSED."

...AND
ATTACHED
A BUSINESS
CARD OF WHICH
COMPANY HIRED
THIS THIEF...

...MY
INFILTRATION
FROM
BEGINNING
TO END...

SO THEN
THEY IN
EFFECT
"VIDEO-
TAPED"...



MY BOSSES
WOULD BE
FURIOUS...

YOU KNOW
THE REST.

THE GERMANS,
WHO HAVE
SUSPECTED
THE P.L.A. FOR
A LONG TIME,
MUST HAVE
BEEN LAUGHING
THEIR ASSES
OFF...

I THINK SHE
WAS HIRED BY
REINBACH.

IN MY
OPINION
...

THEY MUST'VE
GOTTEN
SUSPICIOUS AND
KEPT AN EYE
ON THEM.

WHERE
DID
JANE...

FOO!

...GAIN
INSIDE
KNOWLEDGE
OF
ANNENHEIM?

I
COULDN'T
TELL YOU
THAT.

FIRST OF ALL,
I DON'T EVEN
KNOW WHICH
SECTION OR
FOR WHAT
OPERATIONS
THEY'VE BEEN
USING IT FOR.

I WONDER
HOW
LONG...

...THE P.L.A.'S
BEEN USING
ANNENHEIM
FOR ITS
OPERATIONS?

MAYBE WE
SHOULD...

...BREAK IN
THERE ONE
MORE TIME.

...



BENNY'S
GEAR'S ON
THE SHIP.

WHERE
WE GONNA
FIND A
MACHINE?



WHERE
JANE
FIRST SET
HER UP.

THE
INTERNET
CAFÉ IN
NANKWAI.



ABSO-
LUTELY.

IF YOU
COULD
TAKE ME
SOMEPLACE
WITH A
MACHINE...

...I'D LOVE
TO START
RIGHT AWAY.



REVV?
IT'S BEEN
A LONG
TIME!

YOU
CALLED?

YOU
SHOULD
GET UP ON
STAGE ONCE
IN A WHILE.

I DIDN'T
KNOW THIS
TOWN HAD
SHIT LIKE
THAT.

IT'S
DECIDED
THEN.



WHAT?

HOW
UNUSUAL
FOR YOU TO
ASK US FOR
A FAVOR.
SOUNDS
FUN.

YEAH, ONE
OF THESE
DAYS.

BY
THE WAY,
I GOT A
FAVOR TO
ASK...



WAAA!
W-W-
WAIT!

GYAAAAH

I NEED YOU
TO DRESS
THIS FOUR-
EYES UP...

...SO SHE
LOOKS LIKE
SHE FITS IN
AROUND
HERE.

SEIZE



WHAT A
SURPRISE
...

...TO SEE A GIRL
IN AN INTERNET
CAFÉ IN THIS
TOWN.



HEY,
YOU.

WHERE DID
YOU COME
FROM?

KLAKKA
KLAKKA

KLAK





YOU A
FINE
PIECE
OF ASS.

TOO BAD
YOUR TITS
AIN'T ALL
THAT...

YOU'LL
JUST HAVE
TO GIVE ME A
DISCOUNT.

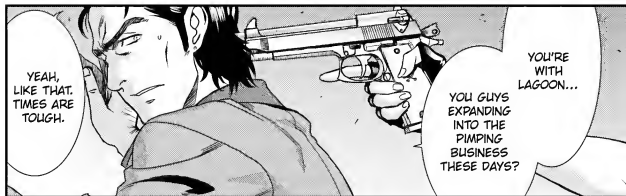
WHERE
YOU
USUALLY
WORKING
AT?



SHE'S
HERE ON
PERSONAL
BUSINESS.

SORRY,
MAN.

TODAY'S
HER DAY
OFF.



YEAH,
LIKE THAT.
TIMES ARE
TOUGH.

YOU'RE
WITH
LAGOON...

YOU GUYS
EXPANDING
INTO THE
PIMPING
BUSINESS
THESE DAYS?

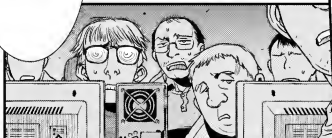


SHIT.

ALL
RIGHT, ALL
RIGHT!



I'LL GO
HAVE MY FUN
SOMEPLACE
ELSE, SO PUT
THAT AWAY!



IF YOU WANT
SOME ASS, GO
SEE THE GUYS IN
THE ALLEY OVER
THERE OR THE
BROTHEL AT THE
YELLOW FLAG.

ALSO...

IT'S THE
SELLER
THAT PUTS
A PRICE ON
CHEST SIZE.
REMEMBER
THAT.



WHAT'RE
YOU
LOOKING
AT? THIS
AIN'T NO
SHOW!

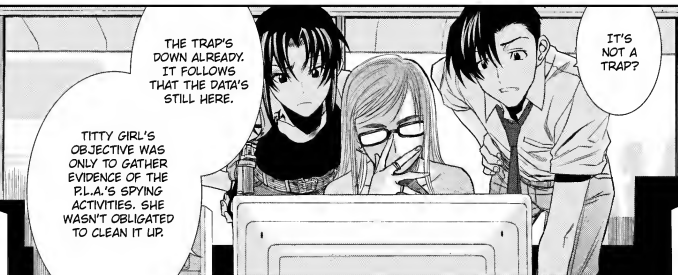
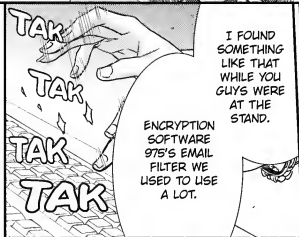
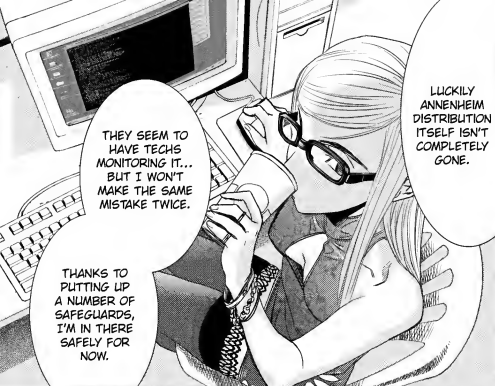
SIDDOWN AND
GO WATCH
SOME VIDEO
OF AN OLD
FART SCREWIN'
A HORSE!

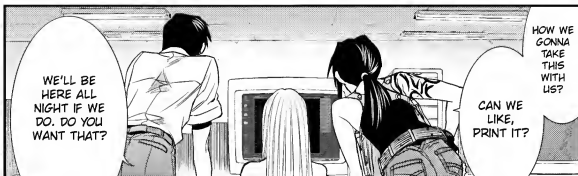


FEH.

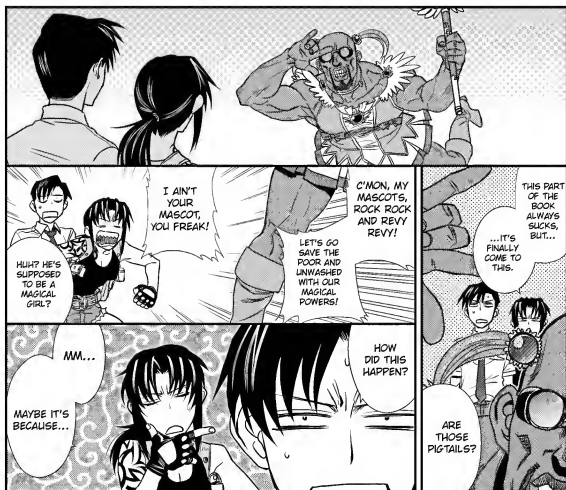
TAKE MY
EYES OFF
YOU FOR A
SECOND...

JESUS
...









...FORGOT
THE
CHARACTER
SETTINGS.

...THERE
WAS SO
MUCH TIME
IN BETWEEN
VOLUMES,
THE AUTHOR
...



WHOA
?!

I'M
FUHRER
BALALAIKA!

THEY'VE
ALWAYS
BEEN LIKE
THIS!

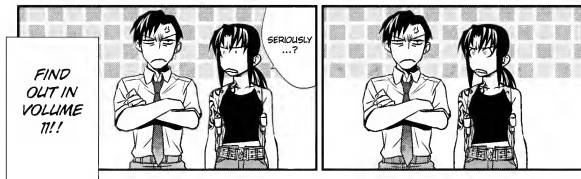
ANOTHER
NEW
BACKGROUND
!!

THE BIG
BOSS OF THE SECRET
CRIMINAL
SOCIETY,
BOUGAIN-
VILLEA!

C'MON
!!

COME
REVIVE
THE
SOVIET
EMPIRE
WITH
ME!!!!





AFTERWORD

IT'S VOLUME 10. ALTHOUGH IT SHOULD HAVE BEEN OUT THREE YEARS AGO, A LOT OF THINGS OVERLAPPED AND I COULDN'T CONTINUE. IT ENDED UP BEING SOMETHING LIKE A HIATUS. I RESUMED ABOUT A YEAR LATER, BUT THE TANKO ENDED UP TAKING UNTIL NOW. LOOKING BACK, I SHOULD HAVE ANNOUNCED A HIATUS, BUT I DIDN'T THINK RETURNING WOULD TURN INTO SUCH A BIG DEAL. I TOOK IT TOO LIGHTLY...

THE PUBLIC SPREADS RUMORS EVEN ABOUT SOMEBODY LIKE ME. I OVERHEARD MANY CLAIMING IT WAS A HIATUS, ALTHOUGH THAT WAS FAR FROM THE TRUTH. I AM VERY SORRY.

ALL TOLD, I AM VERY GRATEFUL FOR THOSE OF YOU WHO PICKED UP THIS VOLUME. THANK YOU.

ALSO, THE LAST HALF OF VOLUME 10 IS ALL DIGITAL. AN ECO-FRIENDLY VERSION USING ABSOLUTELY NO PAPER. I WAS TRYING A LOT OF THINGS DURING MY ABSENCE. BUT IT HAS ITS MERITS AND DEMERITS, SO IT MAY CHANGE.

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I'LL SEE YOU



IN VOLUME 11.

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Here's volume 10.

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